

true & useful one - for a large part of the work of such combination machinery. It covers by no means all the field, but it covers a great deal.

The references <sup>there</sup> to the Messrs. Anon. are now some 40 years old. You may like to know that when I met the Assoc. here last year & talked freely to some of them about your work, while they still were inclined to accuse Mulock of seeking to make party capital out of the office, they spoke in a kindly & respectful way about you personally. I did not tell them what I myself felt - that if a party could get some party capital out of the estate of such an office so long as it proved itself impartial the capital was well earned!

You have doubtless seen that Egerton was appointed to the Colonial Office at Oxford. I understand that the Chair was practically created for him - had I known this, I could have saved myself a deal of trouble. I have no prejudice against the Elector: Egerton is doubtless technically far better equipped. Whether he will make as much of the position for Oxford & the Empire remains to be seen.

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My dear King.

I am really very much obliged to you for sending me a copy of your Memoir of Harper. I have at once read it thro' with keen interest.

It was, indeed, a wise thought to commemorate such a deed of heroism - such deeds and their memories are among the things which make a country worth living in. And it is a peculiarly happy thing that the deed was in his case the consummation of a high-minded life. It is not always so; in spite - *pace* *tui* - of the title of your book. Only too often the deed of self sacrifice ends a life which has apparently been poor & mean. We can but believe that in such cases it reveals an essential nobleness (at any rate of a part of) a nature which had before