

perience; of entreating them to direct their energies rather to internal improvement than political change; to the development of the resources of their beautiful, fertile, and happy colony, rather than to speculative theories of government; and also to urge upon them, that the "responsibility" we require, is the *responsibility of steam*.

Since the discovery of America by Columbus, nothing has occurred of so much importance to the New World, as navigating the Atlantic by steamers; and no point of the continent is likely to be benefited by it in an equal degree with Nova Scotia, which is the nearest point of land to Europe, and must always possess the earliest intelligence from the Old World. Which ever party is in power in England, Tories or Whigs, the Government is always distinguished by the same earnest desire to patronize, as it is to protect the colonies, who have experienced nothing at the hands of the English, but unexampled kindness, untiring forbearance, and unbounded liberality. The recent grant of fifty-five thousand pounds a year, for the purpose of affording us the advantage of a communication by steam with the mother country, which was not made grudgingly, or boastingly, or as an experiment, but as early as it was proper or safe for it to be done, and as freely as it was kindly bestowed, leaves us in doubt whether most to admire the munificence of the gift, or the power and wealth of the donors. No country, that is kept in a continual state of agitation, can either be a happy or a flourishing one; and it is our peculiar good fortune that with us agitation is unnecessary. If there should be any little changes required from time to time, in our limited political sphere, (and such occasions sometimes do, and always will occur in the progress of our growth,) a temperate and proper representation will always produce them, from the predominant party of the day, whatever it may be, if it can only be demonstrated that they are wise or necessary changes.