

form of Government ever did, or ever can confer. But I will not urge these reflections farther.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the wound which has thus been most unexpectedly inflicted upon our social system, may be speedily and effectually healed, and that suspicions and uneasiness may soon give place to a sense of full and permanent security. Nothing can tend more to the accomplishment of this object than the just, firm, and unprejudiced administration of the laws, so that it may be seen and felt by all, that while nothing is yielded from indifference or fear, so also nothing is urged in a harsh and vindictive spirit. Our excellent system of jurisprudence affords us noble land-marks; and with that independence of mind which the consciousness of just intentions inspires, you will not fail to attain the ends which Courts of Justice have alone in view, wherever the British Constitution maintains its ground—namely, the just punishment of guilt, and the full protection of innocence. You have no other duty to discharge; and I feel a confident assurance, Gentlemen, that you have no other wish to gratify.

Her Majesty's Attorney General, I have no doubt will do all in his power to facilitate your arduous task; and whenever, in the progress of your inquiries, the Court can render you assistance, it shall be readily afforded.