

We have not alluded to a separate independence from the British Crown, but we are not forgetful that the destiny of continental colonies severs them from the Metropolitan State, whenever the unconstitutional action of a legislative power residing in a distant country is no longer supportable. There is nothing in this prospect to separate the identity of interest which should exist between the democracy of the old world and that of the new. If colonies are to be made an instrument of corrupt patronage for providing refuge and maintenance for the poorer portion of your aristocracy; an excuse for maintaining standing armies; for robbing the people of their substance to pile up stone and mortar into fortifications, or a pretence for restricting the free operations of your trade, the casting off such as can support themselves can only give stability to your own liberties and advance your national prosperity. You have the example of the United States, which in one year, as an independent offspring, does more for the honour and benefit of the parent state, than she could have accomplished in ages of weak, puling, dependant existence.

We again thank you for the sympathy which you express for the people of Canada. It is pleasant to receive such sympathy from Englishmen. You have done a noble act, for since a people is responsible for the deeds of its rulers, yours is a manly and virtuous determination, to inform mankind that you hold yourselves guiltless of the enormity attempted to be committed by those over whose actions you, unfortunately for yourselves and for us, have no control. Whatever may be the result of this your noble patriotism and generous self-devotion, we are assured that you will leave your children better fortified against your domineering obligarchs, than you were yourselves at your entrance into life.

We desire, through your Association, to proclaim, that whatever course we shall be compelled to adopt, we have no contest with the PEOPLE of England. We war only against the aggressions of their and our tyrannical oppressors.

Signed by order, and on behalf, of the Permanent and Central Committee.

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