

Diffolution of Parliament, almost useless and inert. The terror of anarchy arising out of the pressure of the demands on the Public, not constitutional purity, not constitutional energy, for a long time governed the State. Under the cover of this confusion and distress, each Party proceeded to lengths unwarrantable, and supported bad acts by reasonings as bad. The public good, though still the theoretical deity of the idolatry of each, had no influence on, and did not make any part of the practical worship of, either party.

But I mean not to inflame ; I mean not to revive past violences, past errors, which both sides, for their honour, should suffer to remain buried in perpetual oblivion. They were questions that ought never to have been agitated, but,

Like other mysteries men adore,
Be hid, to be revered the more.