

pace with her wonderful expansion, there might have been a different story to tell. The fact was that England had been too much engrossed in her political tilts at home and in her battles on land and sea abroad, which laid the basis of a future Colonial Empire, to realize that her Colonial Empire in America was slowly but surely slipping away from under her control. In 1757 it would not, I believe, have been too late to have remedied this by the creation of an intelligent and efficient Colonial Office as a separate department of government. By 1774 repression, rather than intelligent direction, was England's only resource, and the golden opportunity to retrieve the mistakes of the past was forever gone.

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