

to hope they would apply their high talents, their knowledge of the best practical modes of finance, and above all their high patriotism to awaken and enlighten the nation for this great purpose, and to infuse that degree of zeal into it which may secure its final accomplishment.

I have now only to offer a few remarks on the most advisable mode for obtaining the sense of the nation on this subject. It is true that the nation being represented in the Imperial Parliament, any member of that Parliament whose powerful mind should lead him so to do, might move and advocate a plan for this purpose of paying off the debt; but so far from this being the case, I have great reason to believe an idea that was stated to me on this subject by a gentleman from England, apparently of some intelligence, respecting it, which was "that nobody at present thinks of paying off the national debt."

Now every person has a right to think what he pleases, but that does not prevent any other person from communicating his ideas to the public, if he believes he can show good reason why the debt should be paid off, which, with due humility, I believe I have done in this work, and further, I believe that were the general sense of the nation obtained upon the question, it would sanction that payment.

Would it not therefore, be advisable to take measures adequate to obtain this sense of the