

Conclusion. I hope that I have succeeded in giving the house a clear notion of what is the object of my motion, and that I have satisfied the house that I am actuated by the desire of promoting the well-being of the colonial empire. In conclusion, I must beg the house to observe, that by agreeing to my motion, the house will not pledge itself to any specific principles of colonial polity, or to any positive legislation, but only to the position that there ought to be a searching inquiry into our system of colonial administration. Can any one deny that such an inquiry is desirable, and that it may produce great benefits both to Great Britain and the colonies? Therefore, in the firm conviction that my motion is both a practical and a useful one, worthy of the consideration and approval of the house; I now beg leave to move that an humble address be presented to her Majesty, praying that her Majesty will be graciously pleased to appoint a commission to inquire into the administration of her Majesty's colonial possessions, with the view of removing the causes of colonial complaint, diminishing the cost of colonial government, and giving free scope to individual enterprise in the business of colonizing.

Motion.