

was to cripple England in America, and, if possible, remove her flag from the continent. If Canada were independent, the probability is the United States would leave her alone. The Americans have enough on their hands already. At least until the southern States are reconciled, they will not provoke hostilities. It will take half a century for the feelings aroused by the late Civil War to be appeased. By that time Canada, in any event, will be old enough and strong enough to defy any power.

