

the control of a foreign power, and England will have lost its opportunity.

In conclusion, permit me to say that Australasia and Canada make no "demand" upon the taxpayers of this country, but on the contrary propose to unite with her Majesty's Government in providing an alternative line of steam and cable communication between England and Australasia and Canada, uniting those great possessions of the Crown more closely to each other and to the Mother Country, and furnishing in the best manner possible the means of expanding the trade and strengthening the unity and defence of the Empire.