



Agreement, in relation to which, I merely wish to say, at this time, that as far as my professional duties will allow me the necessary leisure, I shall return to the political questions of the circumstances under which I was induced to enter upon the steps of the work, the condition in which I found it, and the course that has subsequently been pursued, with such remarks as will, I trust, do justice to myself, without detracting from the merits or talents of my predecessor.

In an editorial article in the same paper, my suggestion on the Agreement is attributed to political considerations, in relation to which I feel bound to protest. To the late Board of Commissioners, in fact, that in all their communications with me, they placed the subject of my engagement on professional grounds only; that neither at the steps of my appointment, nor at any subsequent time, did they directly or indirectly, in any manner say, or hint that they desired or expected, I should use in any manner connected with the business of the Agreement any political influence whatever. In relation to myself, I will only say at this time, that neither in the Great Agreement, or any other work in which I have been engaged, have I sought to exercise any political influence, either directly or indirectly in connection with my professional duties. A political Englishman, that is, one who seeks professional elevation through political influence, has a very low standing in my estimation. If therefore the late Board sought my assistance on the score of exerting political influence they have successfully kept that consideration from my knowledge.

Respectfully yours etc
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