

It was persistence, not folly, to look on the
 face: it would have been folly and not persistence to have
 done them. The Government and this House had full confidence in
 the splendid vitality and vast resources of the colonies in the
 less important in the willingness of the colonists to make
 does; and that confidence has been amply justified in the
 the honor to lay before the Committee. And as we have seen
 a cautious and well-considered advance in public works in the
 was our rule then and has been since so it should be now.
 have full confidence, Sir, that following that rule we shall
 maintain, but as the resources of the country become more and more
 increase, the present satisfactory condition of our Empire.