

Look at her India possessions. The rare, costly, oriental goods she gets from that country enrich her more than any possession she has. And look at the immense revenue she derives from the exportation of wool from Australia. What would England be without these possessions? A mere non-entity, a paltry principality with empty coffers and one which some nation could overcome with an exceedingly small force of soldiers; but it is her possessions wherein lie her strength.

The United States government, by its acquisition of territory has placed herself in such a position of strength as would render an invasion of her territory by a foreign foe almost impossible. In the event of a war with any other nation, save Great Britain on the north and Mexico on the south, an invading army would have to land its force at some point on our coast in order to gain anything like a foothold and before an army could be landed and any preparations for entrenchments or fortifications be erected, we could throw such a force of soldiery against them as would make them wish they had never seen this side of the Atlantic.

While the little island of Cuba is struggling for its independence and endeavoring to throw off the yoke of Spain, the interposition of the United States, if it went no further than to acknowledge its beligerent rights, would be equal to a victory on the part of the insurgents, and on the other side of the water I believe it would be good policy for the United States government to take under her protecting aegis the island of Hawaii and so extend her territory that all the smaller principalities between California and Australia will recognize her as protector and defender. And while the United States has not been aggressive in the acquisition of territory for the last fifty years, I am bold to express the hope that the time will come when the Arctic ocean will be her northern boundary and the Isthmus of Panama her southern boundary, thus throwing her protection and influence for Christianity, civilization and enlightenment over the entire North American Continent.

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