

Calvin Coolidge Says:

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Aug. 18.—Our own interdependence and that of the rest of the world is emphatically exemplified by the present unrest in India. It has not only affected our direct trade in that region, but by reducing Indian imports of manufactured goods from England has reduced our sale of raw materials that would go into such goods, and by injuring British business has lowered its general purchasing power.

While we have every sympathy with the aspiration for self-government, we realize from the historical development of our own institutions that self-government cannot be conferred upon one people by another people, but must be acquired by long and painful experience. It is only of gradual growth through many intermediate grades, none of which can be omitted. When India is unified, educated and equipped for self-government it will come with benefit to all concerned.

At present the problem is how the people of India can best be helped to progress along that pathway. Undoubtedly the British Empire furnishes them with guaranties of order and stability which are their first requisites in working out their own destiny. Meantime, hope lies in such an adjustment of governmental and trade relations as will insure domestic tranquillity.

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