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My dear Hall Caine

I am glad you think as you do about the imperial business for though we are in a very small minority it is comfortless to have someone with one. What makes me continually miserable is that in the process of arriving at our inevitable & perhaps, for the world, desirable destiny we cannot but become so thoroughly vulgarised. There have been periods in which we have
advanced towards our destiny quite as surely — indeed, it is always inevitable — but in which the influence example and words of great men kept the mind of the nation above vulgar levels.

I am infinitely obliged to you for what you say about Haz and shall be always thankful if you can do anything to promote his interests. My opinion about him is that he would be far better and more successful in harness with somebody over him, but it is not in his constitution to push into a position of that kind.

Believe me,
yours faithfully,
Edward Russell

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