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Nevertheless, as a rule, when Divine Providence has put a part of the world under English rule, it has usually stayed, often quite willingly, in the state unto which it pleased God to call it. And contemplating this fact we are inclined to agree with Mark Twain; the English are mentioned in the Bible.

D. W. Brogan, *The English People: Impressions and Observations* (1947)

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A NOTE ON THE TEXT

Although this book is mainly concerned with English political traditions, I have, like most people, used the terms 'English' and 'British' interchangeably, except where I want to identify specifically English characteristics. This, I hope, avoids any awkward linguistic and therefore political infelicities.