In conclusion it can be deduced that Palmerston was extremely successful in maintaining the balance of power and could be counted upon to always choose the option which would best benefit Britain. Despite this, he caused unneeded tension with other countries which would be best kept as allies (eg. North America). Some people may also have seen his actions to have been megalomaniac like, completely disregarding the rest of the world although this could also be inferred to be simply the decisions a strong and capable Prime Minister who was not afraid to make tough sacrifices for the future of his country.