The Empire Writes Back
(For Whom? For What?):
An Intertextual Exercise

The new colonial posts
shore up the old and termite-proofed
on which the house of empire sits
(some will say change-proof, but there
are changes in some rooms
for computers and stuff).

Britannia (alias the World Bank/IMF)
still rules the waves (of credit)
tidally willing them on whim
to swallow whole countries up.

So while they add new posts
and overhaul the old
I wish to see the house
turned bottom up.

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