

Continental Europe, ~~in~~ where that form of government was first established. The histories of France, Spain, Italy, Germany & the more northern nations, will fully unfold it to the search of the curious student, by shedding in some cases the same, in others additional light on the subject. After such a course of history were accomplished, it would be eligible to enter more extensively than is usual, on the study of metaphysics, (the utilities of which have been adverted to.) Then Natural Law, the great light illustrating most that is municipal, would appropriately demand serious & devoted attention.

It is easy for a man of judgment & reflection to discover, on viewing this ample course, that as ample benefit would result from it. But he who has been benighted by the trammels of mistaken habit & prejudiced, would probably answer - Such a course, though specious, is, nevertheless, not well devised - It would consume too much valuable time - It should be pursued in conjunction with law. No opinion was ever more fallacious. He had no doubt forgotten, that the mind must be directed to the consideration of but one subject at a time, to become proficient in any - That it may not unaptly be compared with the sunglass, whose rays must be converged to a focus, before they can produce a flame. In the same degree that they are divided or dispersed, will their power be reduced.

The prosecution of such a course of general reading in connection with law, would tend to produce disgust for that ~~attire~~ ~~and~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~thus~~, no doubt, that many youths are led to relinquish it, ^{for the purpose} of turning their thoughts to other subjects more seducing. Above all, a man should endeavour to cultivate a taste for the study, if without which, all his labour will be in vain. But how can this be done successfully, while ever the sources of pleasure & disgust are held in bold & daily contrast before the mind? It will, of necessity