

were made ^{up} of the atoms of anarchy; hurried into tumults; dashed to & fro in the whirlwind of popular passion; confused & disordered, as was the original matter before the dawn of creation. Where, in all this, is the studied arrangement, the good order, the wise administration of men associated by compact? Others have been erected with greater caution; but, still, with inadequate security: convincing what might be effected by the proper application of those principles; with the full display of the infirmities & instability of human nature.

That man was organized for social life is no longer a question for controversy. The contrary has been deduced from the first principles of reason; from the sole design that could have been entertained at his creation. The grand object of society, is the security of individual & collective happiness. As neither individual nor collective interests could be preserved, while all the rights that might be supposed to pertain to a state of savage or insulated nature, remained unabridged, it was found necessary that some few of those rights should be surrendered: because the good of one member of a community, should be subordinate to that of the thousands & tens of thousands that compose it. These are the principles on which all governments are founded. But all are not agreed as to what constitutes that true & essential happiness. That it consists in the enjoyment of civil, religious & political liberty, is the spirit & meaning of our political institutions. These principles are recognized by all liberal & enlightened statesmen. Taken as the groundwork, with the best maxims of government rested thereon for the preservation of liberty, they form the great & glorious structure of our republic. Other commonwealths, no doubt, were