

We must look to the virtue & wisdom of the American peo-
 ple. To cultivate these is the first duty of the Statesman.
 Establish high seats of learning, & these, aided by primary
 seminaries, will fully develop your moral & intellec-
 tual resources. Bring education home to the door of ev-
 ery man. Diffuse it wider & wider, until you meet
 in every cottage or peasant, however poor & humble,
 an intelligent friend, an educated citizen. It will be
 found to be a solace to persons of all ages, in solitude
 or society; calming the untoward passion, - mollifying
 the acerbities of temper - and smoothing the inequalities
 of the wayward paths of life. But especially, let not female
 virtue & female education be neglected; for they have
 a more powerful influence in humanizing the man-
 ners & affections of men, & reducing to harmony the dis-
 cordances of nature, than all the restrictive systems
 of lawgivers. Suffer no distinctions of wealth, no priv-
 ileged orders to arise to mar the general equality;
 but let all be brought to the common level of virtue-
 ous, intelligent & patriotic citizens. Eradicate the nox-
 ious seeds of luxury, that have already been planted in
 the country, lest they grow up to be your destroyers.
 No hemlock is more baneful to animal life, than
 it is ruinous to the vital energies of nations. An in-
 variable adaptation of mode & manners to the condi-
 tion of life, should be preserved. In the zeniths of
 prosperity, it should be recollected that the day of ad-
 versity may come. In the lowliness of poverty, despair
 should be eschewed, & the hope of better things fondly
 cherished. By all let it be remembered, that Sybaris &
 Sicily once proud & flourishing, fell under the mean-
 tations of that ^{delusive} ~~deceitful~~ Siren.