

The demagogues of old were so far honest and consistent: They knew, and confessed, that their plans of liberty could never be reduced to practice without agrarian laws, and that any thing short of these was downright mockery. Our modern demagogues attempt to reconcile things, in their nature, incompatible. They preach up liberty in all its latitude, but adhere to the present division of property. Those, indeed, who, in ancient times, asserted the equal rights of mankind, were guilty of an oversight; they forgot that it was necessary to purge the mind of those sentiments which rendered the distinctions they were abolishing the objects of ambition. Seeing the rock upon which these split, and solicitous for permanent advantage, in any future attempt of the kind, I gave their successors

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