

change in their moral as well as political character; and from this no doubt arises that self-consequence and conceit in the young American, which gives such an air of rude licentious liberty to the mass of the people.

This kind of liberty frequently proves more tyrannical in society than the occasional abuse of magisterial power in a monarchical government; for a man in the American States, if he does not happen to be on the popular side of the question, is often afraid to speak his sentiments, lest he should be abused and ill treated. These political animosities and arbitrary conduct extend even to courts of justice, where the Judges on the bench too often feel their contagious effects. It is such coarseness and vulgarity in their political disputes which render the American manners so repulsive to Europeans, and have raised in their minds so great a prejudice against them. There is, nevertheless, much real worth in the American character. The United States can boast of having produced many excellent men, who have