

lousy. A concern, equally affecting the happiness of every part of the nation, it is natural to suppose is equally dear to all; and equally understood by all. Hence results acquiescence, in any artificial, or political embarrassment of it. Sectional fears and suspicions, in such case, have no food for support and no stimulant for activity. But it is far otherwise, when a great interest is, from its nature, either wholly, or in a very great proportion, local. In relation to such a local interest, it is impossible, that jealousies and suspicions should not arise, whenever it is obstructed by any artificial, or political embarrassment. And it is also, impossible, that they should not be, in a greater, or less degree, just. It is true of the wisest, and the best, and the most thoughtful, of our species, that they are so constituted, as not deeply to realise the importance of interests, which affect them not at all, or very remotely. Every local circle of states, as well as of individuals, has a set of interests, in the prosperity of which, the happiness of the section, to which they belong is identified. In relation to which interests the hopes and the fears, the reasonings and the schemes of the inhabitants of such sections are necessarily, fashioned and conducted. It is, morally, impossible, that those, concerned in such sectional interests, should not look, with some degree of jealousy, on schemes adopted, in relation to those interests and prosecuted by men, a majority of which have a very remote or very small stake, in them. And this jealousy must rise to an extreme height, when the course of measures adopted, whether they have relation to the management, or the protection of such interests, wholly contravene the opinions and the practical experience of the persons, immediately concerned in them. This course of reflection has a tendency to illustrate this idea, that as, in every political association, it is of primary importance that the great interests of each local section should be, skillfully and honestly, managed and protected, so, in selecting the mode and means of management and protection, an especial regard should be had to the content and rational satisfaction of those most deeply concerned, in such sectional interests. Theories and speculations of the closet, however,

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