
Of the Nobility.

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XXX. **T**HERE are in every state some persons who are distinguished from the rest by a superiority of birth, or riches, or honours. These persons it will be fit and prudent to entrust with a greater share of the publick authority of the state than is allowed to the rest of the people, who are so much their inferiours. For, if the privileges and powers bestowed on them do not, in some measure, keep pace with the other advantages they enjoy, but they are placed upon a level with the rest of the community in these respects, and allowed only a common vote in the election of representatives, and a capacity, in common with others, of being themselves elected to that office by the people, they will be apt to think themselves hardly treated, and will consider