

effects of which will be felt for a long time to come. When the labouring man is thrown out of work for several days, he feels it sharply when he comes to pay his week's rent, and all his other outgoings with his scanty earnings. What must the effect be when such a visitation falls heavily on a whole community; when the merchant and shopkeeper, as well as the journeyman and day-labourer are all idle, or nearly so, for days and weeks together? Persons of large capital must reduce their expenses and establishments; those of moderate income, are put to straits and difficulties; but the heaviest burden falls upon the labouring classes, and the poor, who seldom provide for a rainy day, if they had formerly little to spare, are reduced in a time of public distress to absolute want. When the wealthier classes are obliged to draw in their capital and lessen their expenses, the demand for work, and the wages of labour, are proportionally low, and the labouring man must suffer accordingly. Where this is caused by bad crops and a depressed state of trade, we look for better times to mend matters. But here there was an additional cause of distress, which so long as the feeling lasts, must act as a dead weight and an effectual damper to all spirited enterprise and employment of capital: I mean the *insecurity of property*. One great cause of the prosperity of our country in times past, has been the security of every man's property under our admirable laws and constitution; a security far greater than other nations enjoy. But if the farmer's corn-ricks, the merchant's warehouse, and the tradesman's shop and stock in trade, are now-a-days to be burned and plundered, who will have the spirit to carry on business, and to set about any new undertaking? The man of capital will confine his purchases, and contract his dealings within the narrowest possible limits till he can extend them with safety.—Men of property suffer in the first instance it's true, but the labouring classes must suffer in the end, and that more severely. And this is the point to which political incendiaries are striving to bring the country! This is what the people bring upon themselves