

ence and *honor* (God) only, next their duty to their fellow Men in a *civil* not a servile sense, hence Church Catechisms are considered dead letters, and are not wanted, are therefore kept within their proper *precincts* the "*Nursery*"

The simplicity of the American system, twist and torture it as we will, is so just and fine an equilibrium, making no distinction of men, but all equal partakers of its purity and blessing, that it gives fire and energy, life and animation to the whole round of human capacity and exertion, because man feels his leading passion gratify'd (self interest) it is for his own and family's welfare, not to (feed others) his talents and industry are brought into action.

I have remark't her jurisprudence appear'd to me imperfect, such I beg may not be considered, conclusive but merely as a remark, not perhaps, duly, and properly, examined, but may have hastily become amalgamated with prejudice, but be it as it may, the error being on the side of *mercy* we will willingly accept an *apology* and I am happy to find the experience and march of civilization and science extend their influence, as a *revision* in *congress* has recently taken place in favor of slave emancipation and humanity and a repeal of those bloody laws--they did not certainly enact.