

not endeavouring to extract from the greatest political evil, some political good, by which the depopulation and waste of battle might, in some measure, be compensated by an increase of national wealth, strength, and prosperity.

It has been observed that Spain, notwithstanding her far extended conquests, her rich and inexhaustible mines, is not more wealthy, or more warlike, or more respectable than before she possessed them.

If the Spaniards, says a writer, whose force of language can be equalled only by the energy of his sentiment, when they first took possession of the newly discovered world, instead of destroying the inhabitants by thousands, had either had the urbanity, or the *policy* to have conciliated them by kind treatment, and to have united them *gradually* to their own people, manners and
customs