

possible, (trade being invariably the precursor of a higher state of civilization) that new ideas and the various European sciences, may flow back to those countries, and which may be the means of bringing forth a better organization of their religious and civil institutions. — Thus changes are gradually preparing themselves in these extensive countries, which are likely to lead their inhabitants, from a life of mere sensual enjoyment, and an activity only directed to the purposes of animal existence and the savage impulse of violence, to intellectual necessities and exertions, and will unfold in them, the sublimer ends of human nature. — Most assuredly it would be a grand idea, were Europe, who is indebted to Asia, for her primitive knowledge, her culture of the human mind and her religious, immediate gifts, as it were, from the divine hand, destined to restore her, these presents perfected by meditation, and matured by the labours of thousands of years.

The future fate of Africa lies veiled in deeper obscurity. We are only acquainted with the coasts of this land of wonders, and have but a very scanty knowledge of its interior from the Mediterranean to the 12th or at the most the 11th degree of Northern latitude, and from its Southern extremity, scarcely beyond the 30th degree upwards. Those prodigies, nature may conceal within its bosom,

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