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The foundations of those powers which preserve social order, are certainly more stable and better organized in the Provinces than in the United States. Their rulers do not derive their authority from those over whom their power is to be exercised ; they look up, and not down, for approbation, and can, therefore, use that authority with more genuine independence. This doctrine, of course, is scouted in the United States as altogether heterodox ; but the Colonies, when prompted to compare their condition with that of their neighbours, I am quite certain, will never find cause to regret the distinctions which arise from this source ; and that they feel this as they ought to do, I know by ample experience.

In the United States, places of power and eminence depend entirely upon popular caprice ; and, consequently, the candidate must often submit, per force, to much that is repugnant to the best feelings of his nature. Where station depends for its continuance upon the fluctuating will of a giddy populace, it must be frequently bestowed without merit, and still more frequently be withdrawn without crime.

In the British Provinces, all situations of honour or profit are derived from the crown. They are no doubt sometimes bestowed on improper persons, and are obtained by improper means. But