

the organs of public reason, laws the result of the most equitable composition between men, and the administration could not do any thing displeasing to the people. Here it may be asked, how comes it, that all governments, even those accounted the most free, have hitherto fallen so much short of this perfection? The answer may be given in one word. The difficulty, if not the impossibility of making and supporting the regulations I have hinted.

Whoever considers the inequalities of property among us, their causes, and the diversity of sentiments, thence arising, will soon be convinced, that we have little ground to expect either such laws or such government. What are we to think then of the speculations of those, who argue and assert, that every
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