

From these proprietors is formed another association, whose name is more known in France; it is that of the *Scioto Company**, a name taken from a river which, after having traversed the two millions of acres which they possess, falls into the Ohio.

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* This company has been much calumniated. It has been accused of selling lands which it does not possess, of giving exaggerated accounts of its fertility, of deceiving the emigrants, of robbing France of her inhabitants, and of sending them to be butchered by the savages. But the title of this association is incontestable; the proprietors are reputable men; the description which they have given of the lands is taken from the public and authentic reports of Mr. Hutchins, geographer of Congress. No person can dispute their prodigious fertility.

Certainly the aristocrats of France, who may emigrate thither under the foolish idea of forming a monarchy, would be fatally deceived in their expectations. They would fly from the French government, because it establishes the equality of rights, and they would fall into a society where this equality is consecrated even to the nature of things; where every man is solicited to independence by every circumstance that surrounds him, and especially by the facility of supplying his wants; they would fly to preserve their titles, their honours, their privileges; and they would fall into a new society, where the titles of pride and chance are despised, and even unknown.

This enterprise is suitable to the poor of Europe, who have neither property nor employment, and who have strength to labour. They would find at Scioto the means of supplying their wants; the soil would give them its treasures, at the expence of a slight cultivation; the beasts of the forests would

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