

beyond the possibility of a doubt—although inexpressible by them *in words*;—but as the pathetic poet, in painting the blessings of language, and the reciprocal enjoyments of conversation and friendship says,

“’Tis speech that ventilates our intellectual fires . . .”

The use, advantage, and necessity of speech, or *articulate language to every individual in a state of society*, are so exceedingly obvious and striking that any farther attempt to illustrate them cannot but be superfluous.

In every station and condition of life, transactions must arise, *even from our natural wants*, to which without this faculty we should in a great degree be incompetent.

What purpose, then, more worthy of humanity than that of providing a remedy for a defect in *many* of our own species, which is so essential an obstruction to their happiness?