

an equal prosperity among the plantations of other *European* nations because every power has transplanted its constitution with its people. This surprizing increase of people is a foundation that will bear a mighty superstructure, we need no other proof than in the wonderful growth of one of the provinces, (*Pensilvania* I mean) which tho' the youngest of all, yet being more particularly founded on the principles of moderation (*the first of all political Virtues*) and every way fam'd for the wisdom and lenity of its government, is become the admiration of those who compare it with any thing related by history, and the well-known refuge of—*the oppress'd and persecuted*, who cheerfully abandon their native soil to purchase the inestimable blessing of liberty and peace.

The inhabitants of all these colonies have eminently deserved the character of industrious in agriculture and commerce. I could wish they had as well deserved that of *adventurous in inland discoveries*, in this they have been much outdone by *another Nation*, whose poverty of country and unfettled temper have prompted them to such views of extending their possessions, as our agriculture and commerce now make necessary for us to imitate. In this skillful Persons may employ themselves; but a more accurate observer than our author will not readily be found.

The welfare of a colony concerns the country from whence it derives its origin, in nothing so  
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