

wife necessary to flatter the notions which they entertain of their own importance and dignity, at the same time without stooping to any condescensions, which may give them reason to suspect you are influenced by dread of their power ; this would immediately beget their contempt. Their demands would then be endless and exorbitant, and their insolence beyond sufferance. But above all we should endeavour to acquire their entire confidence in our integrity, of which we must not wonder if they are suspicious ; for since our first intercourse with them, a most amazing and uninterrupted series of villainies have been practised on their simplicity by the traders, from whom they form their notions of the whole society. Some of the provincial governors have even been charged with being principal actors