

who took possession of South-America, had gold-hilts to their swords ; but unluckily they had neither a shirt to put on their back, nor meat to put in their belly ; and yet they had great plenty of money : but with all their money, were they really rich ? if they were, I give them joy of their unsubstantial riches, and would rather chuse to remain in Old England, where, without a gold-hilted sword, or even without a sword at all, I can have a clean shirt and a good dinner.

The case is the same, if the commodities we want be such as cannot be purchased with money. By these, I do not mean health, strength, beauty, sense, or any other qualities, whether of body or mind (if indeed these may be called commodities) which it is neither in our power to procure, nor in the power of any human creature to bestow ; but I mean empires, kingdoms, and all independent states of what denomination
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