

the exercise of private judgment. It is the trumpet of the multitude, and adds volume and sound to its voice, already too powerful; it obeys rather than governs, or at least such is the tendency of things. The operation of this cause, we have seen, has produced repudiation in some of the individual states of America.

The tone of feeling in France having none of the constitutional checks imposed upon it, as in the United States, must eventually deteriorate. Even the great revolution did not efface all honour, in extirpating all religion. The nation had been too long a monarchy to lose its chivalrous feeling so suddenly, and notwithstanding the subsequent changes, its military and naval establishments gave a character and confidence to public faith, which it never could or can draw from universal suffrage. This direct appeal to the people for the election of the whole Chamber will gradually bring the Assembly to think and speak like the mob they represent, and the voice and feeling of both will soon become identical: the people will contaminate their legislators, and the legislators will still further degrade the people. But without going into details, I will refer my readers to my