

onets. In that state of things, I could not but perceive the everla-
 sting seeds of civil commotions and disturbances which threatened
 at every instant to see the renewal of those proscriptions that have
 disgraced the famous Republic of Rome, and which are in them-
 selves, sufficient to instil in the breast of every lover of order, a
 strong prejudice against a form of Government, in which the mass
 of the people has too great a share. On the other hand, the secu-
 rity, the peace, and the liberty I had enjoyed, in common with the
 rest of my then fellow subjects, under the absolute sway of the
 Great Frederic of Prussia, were powerful motives to persuade me
 that absolute power was neither Despotism nor tyranny when in
 the hand of one single man not absolutely destitute of human
 feelings, and was on the contrary, conducive to the individual, as
 well as general welfare of his Country, when swayed by a Sove-
 reign like him. In France I found again, a country, in which all
 the powers were re-united in a single man, and nevertheless, the
 mass of the people was far from being deserving of pity. That
 there existed abuses, that in some instances power was made sub-
 servient to the gratification of private purposes, cannot be denied:
 but that this was carried to that excess, justificative of the horrors
 of a revolution, is what no man whose mind is not totally sur-
 rounded by the thick mist of prejudice, or who never having had
 the opportunity of seeing and observing by himself, has adopted as
 indubitable truths, all and every absurd caution, and heart rend-
 ing tale of modern philanthropy can maintain, a Nation composed
 of beings whose daily labour was constantly enlivened by songs,
 and whose resting moments were spent in dancing, can on no
 account be said to have felt very grievously the weight of that
 yoke, represented as so unsufferably oppressive. I repeat it,
 abuses existed, but they were of such a nature as to be easily re-
 medied and removed. More of this in another place.

My mind was therefore powerfully biased in favor of monarchy;
 and assuredly, I would have strenuously supported that kind of
 Monarchy, the good effects whereof I had witnessed in England.
 But how far the British Constitution, such as it was, could be at
 once adopted, without modification, and successfully transplanted
 in a soil, without considering its fitness to admit such an exotic