

plenish the earth; "all men are" therefore born free and equal, and have certain unalienable rights, among which is the right of enjoying their lives, liberties, and property.

"MAY not the miserable Indian ask: Am I not a man and a brother? The two grand principles of action, according to the Christian, are, the love of God, which is the sovereign passion; and the love of man, which regulates our actions according to the various relations in which we stand, whether to communities or individuals.

THE sacred connection ought never to be extinguished by any temporal injury. It ought to subsist even towards our enemies. It requires that we should pardon the offences of others, as we expect pardon for our own. Nor does it merely enjoin the observation of equity, but likewise inspires the most sublime and extensive charity, for the whole human race, a boundless and disinterested effusion of tenderness, by which we feel their distress, and which operates for their relief and improvement.\* These heavenly dispositions and the different duties which are their natural exertions, are the various gradations by which the Christian hopes to attain the greatest perfection of his nature, and the most exquisite happiness of which it is susceptible; and if Cicero when speaking of the Roman Law, observed—"we must therefore submit ourselves to be *the servants of Law, in order to be truly free,*" † would it not be well for mankind under the christian dispensation, if the consideration of this sentence were esteemed also a *general principle* of action, ‡ but alas! that *Pride* which occasioned the fall of Satan himself, appears in the present age to be the leading principle among inconsiderate persons, who on account of mere temporal honours "will sacrifice every thing but gain itself," and are so lifted up above their brethren, as to forget that they have no natural precedence; but expect that the multitude of inferiors in for-

\* Job 29: 16. "I was a father to the poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out."

† I Samuel 15: 22. "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice,"

‡ James 2: 14. What doth it profit my brethren though a man say he hath faith, and have not works, can faith save him †