

It is substantially the medieval idea of *status*.  
 The attempt to carry out such ideas in middle ages  
 was not very far going perhaps. It took form  
 chiefly of regulations re engrossing & forestalling  
 (see Ashley 1011) regulated maintained by secular  
 authority (2) regulations re price of food. Not  
 fixing it absolutely but usually in relation  
 to price of materials e.g. bread to grain. &  
 finally in certain regulations & enactments re,  
 common labor, common agricultural labor, &  
 labor of journeyman. In enforcing these  
 there was a great deal of short sighted selfishness  
 on part of public & governing classes from  
 time to time

#### Re Usury.

Here the church not only laid down a  
 principle that the taking of usury in any taking of  
 interest, was sinful, but also made a  
 strenuous effort. Which in a certain sense  
 was completely successful, to enforce this  
 prohibition (See Ashley v. —

In Prof. Ashley's books he has maintained a position  
 hitherto maintained in Eng. & possibly from reaction  
 has gone too far <sup>in order to modify</sup> — ordinary view in Gossa, Ingram  
 Blauqui etc.

Notice is that in later Roman Empire, time  
 when ecclesiastical prohibitions grew up first, usury