

are constantly set before them afterwards, and a general current of vice opposes their progress in virtue, the advantages of their education must evidently be frustrated.

Let no one therefore think himself unconcerned, or excuse himself by saying—he “can do but little.” That little is *something*; and when all contribute to the common stock, the amount will be great; just as an assemblage of units, constitutes a large sum.

Magistrates, and all who are distinguished by their influence or rank, should consider themselves peculiarly obliged to take the lead in this; and reflect, that they are answerable to God for the use they make of their authority and influence; for God is higher than the highest on earth, and will surely call them to an account.

The inferior ranks will naturally look up to them, and be apt to imitate their example. It behoves them therefore that their examples should lead others to righteousness and the practice of virtue. To them it peculiarly belongs to discourage vice, to countenance religion and virtue, to support the authority and dignity of laws which are made with this design, by duly enforcing them, and obeying those laws themselves. Hereby they will be real blessings to the community, and contribute to exalt our nation.