

A mind capable of embracing so magnificent a subject, of perceiving and combining the complex relations of so extended an empire, must have discovered that the use made of what we had then become quietly possessed of, would determine whether the new world was to remain in dependance upon us or not. A philosopher in action was then necessary to our affairs. The establishments proper in our new acquisitions, the measures to be pursued in our old possessions so as to unite and secure both to us, (and, eventually, the whole new world, if the interests of the nation hereafter required that part of it which yet remained with France and Spain) were undertakings, that called for a genius in politics equal to Sir Francis Bacon's in philosophy. But at no period was the art of governing made so light of. Your business was to be done by scrap and piecemeal, as if one part had no connection with another. Nothing great, nothing liberal,
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