

boasting display of them, leads us to believe that liberality is excluded from its vocabulary.

If this is the case, we may take the liberty of observing, that the present government will not excite zeal, will not encourage ability, and is no friend to enterprise, but a sure check to all public energies and spirit, and the consequences must be bad.

Distinct from the faults of parsimony, but operating with the same effect, is the coldness and want of feeling of the government. It does nothing with warmth and heart. This may appear to be a foolish objection, but will not prove to be so. Something more than cold approbation is required to foster great minds—the approbation should be hearty. Men who perform great actions want to be admired, and are not content with being approved. Men may serve under such a government correctly, but the good of the state requires that they should serve zealously. Men will not serve zealously unless their government is zealous to do them honor. I venture to pronounce that this administration will be coldly served. Lord Wellesley, from the fire of patriotism which blazed in his own breast, emitted sparks which animated the breasts of all who came within the reach of his notice.

Our present Governor is too cold in his own character to give any warmth to others; and this characteristic of his private life seems to be a feature of his public administration. If the case could be supposed of a state in which public spirit and the whole train of public virtues should be persecuted, condemned, and punished, it is not difficult to conceive that public virtues would, in that state, cease to exist. And by the same rule it appears that if these virtues are slighted and neglected, they will not flourish with the strength and beauty which is given to them by culture and attention.

There are truly great patriots, who, under any circumstances, will zealously labor for the interests of their country; but some uncommon greatness is required to keep them in their righteous course under such obstacles as have been alluded to. Such, then, there are; but general arguments are applied to the generality,