

society, everything must be subverted and changed. It matters therefore greatly for public order and peace that you give your votes to men who are animated with love and respect for, and have the experience of, the institutions of the country, and who will endeavor to render them more perfect rather than to alter and destroy them.

It is not less important that you choose to govern your country men whose disinterestedness and devotedness are well known to you, as well as their unalterable love and profound respect for justice. For order exists in society, and with order the peace and union of all citizens, only through the respect and protection of the rights of all. He is not worthy to take part in the government of his country, who is not able to place public before private interest, or who would willingly sacrifice the rights of his fellow-citizens under the false pretext of public wisdom. The only public wisdom capable of procuring a nation's good, is that which protects all rights, in so much as they may be protected, and represses every injustice, in so much as it may be repressed.

Finally, Our Dearly Beloved Brethren, the last and still very important good of a country, is its temporal prosperity. It is the proper end of civil society. Three qualities are necessary in your representatives in order to labor efficaciously for the temporal good of your country : they are honesty, intelligence and experience of public affairs.

The most important and necessary of these three qualities is honesty, provided that it be associated with a firm and sound judgment. For, without honesty, intelligence and experience only serve to betray you more successfully, and to better conceal the surrender of your true interests. However, in many circumstances, honesty alone is not sufficient to protect and efficaciously serve your true interests, although it may save them from being betrayed. Wherefore, you would act wisely in choosing among the most upright and honest those who possess the greatest sum of intelligence and experience.

But to what practical means will you resort in order not to err in your choice ? You shall seek to know the men who canvass for your vote. « You would be most imprudent », indeed, « wer :