

dustrious, and chearful in their situation,
 and happy under a government not per-
 plexed with the vague forms of some
 institutions, (and which overload our
 constitution, and retards the process of
 our laws) but founded on the most sim-
 ple principles of policy, we should pro-
 ceed with the utmost caution in making
 any alteration; a thorough knowledge
 of human nature is required in the in-
 vestigation, humanity must guide the
 cautious hand of power, or instead of
 promoting the happiness of the people,
 we destroy the principles upon which
 their felicity depends: any innovation
 on their established customs and general
 rule of conduct will perplex them, and
 create fearful ideas of oppression, and
 cause them to speculate on things that
 they are intirely unacquainted with,
 and likely awaken a spirit of discon-
 tent and faction, and annihilate that
 peace and tranquility, that the primi-
 tive government, and their thorough
 knowledge of the laws of it, and the
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