

Christians, because they have interior intellectual light. This appears conspicuously in the spiritual world. This light they derive from the liberty of speaking and writing, and thereby thinking."

Phillip de Commynes expressed himself thus:

"Now, in my opinion, among all the sovereignties I know in the world, that in which the public good is best attended to, and the least violence exercised on the people, is that of England."

Lamartine, in his *History of the Girondists*, although often attacking the policy of Great Britain, pays tribute to the greatness of the Empire and the grandeur of the character of its statesmen. He writes:

"In England the mind a long time free had produced sound morals. The aristocracy considered itself sufficiently strong never to become persecuting again.

"England had been intellectually the model of nations and the envy of the reflecting universe. Nature and its institutions had conferred upon it men worthy of its laws."

Grosley, struck with amazement, exclaims:

"Property in England is a thing sacred which the laws protect from all encroachment, not only from engineers, inspectors, and other people of that stamp, but from the king himself."

"In England," says Helvetius, "the people are respected; every citizen can take some part in the management of affairs and authors are allowed to enlighten the public respecting their own interest."

And Brissot, who had made these matters his especial study, cries out:

"Admirable constitution! which can only be disparaged either by men who know it not or else by tongues bridled in slavery."

"The English nation," says Voltaire, "is the only one on earth which, by resisting its kings, has succeeded in lessening their power. How I love the boldness of the English! How I love men who say what they think!"

"The English," says LeBlanc, "are willing to have a king, provided they are not bound to obey him."

"For forms of government let fools contest,
Whatever's best administered is best."

Although the converse is believed to be the fact, no country or government yields more readily and implicitly than England to