

propensity to mischief, and in power of performance. The splendid fictions and marvellous delusions of that unrivalled *Formularian* are pregnant with destruction; they are subversive, in their final tendency, of religion, morality, and social order; and consequently hostile to the present and subsequent happiness of men. Such individuals may be rightly regarded as the despicable *vermin* which pollute, while they prey upon, the intellectual decayed remains of Archimedes and of Newton.

Before I undertake the proposed question, I shall finally observe to your Excellency, and the public, that, concerning the promotion of science, I am sorry to perceive the existence of an error, which, in politics and literature, is equally fatal and disastrous. This error consists in the *supposed utility of domineering behavior*. One of the predecessors of your Excellency, in the exalted station which you now occupy, unfortunately tarnished, by a fatal error of that nature, the lustre of his previous reputation; but how much more indescribably contemptible is the aspect of a *domineering bully among juvenile students*, than that of a rash and arbitrary man directing the affairs of a nation! The only consideration, that operates with resistless and perpetual sway on every department and rank of human society, is the *prepossessing native dignity which peculiarly discriminates the gentleman*; and which is completely incompatible with every vestige of that repulsive rudeness, which betrays the barbarian, the ruffian, or the bear.

Finally, I now proceed, according to proposal, to furnish in detail, to your Excellency, the scientific investigation and solution of the problem respecting the disputed frontier.