

now complaining —The advocates for innovation, of whatever party they may be, should never allow themselves to become indifferent as to the nature of the means they make use of to attain the end they have in view.—If you make use of improper and unjust means to obtain an object which in itself is desirable and highly commendable, you thereby set an example to those who may possess less principle, but more cunning ; to make use of the same kind of means to obtain an end, which ought to be execrated and detested.

Besides, in all free governments, commotions, and turbulence will occasionally take place.—But it is surely better to be liable to this ; this open and avowed evil, than to tremble in secret, lest the dagger of the assassin may deprive you of life ; or lest you may be dragged to the dungeon alike unpitied and alike disregarded.—The best security is, for every one to know his duty and to be at all times disposed to attend to it, with firmness and fidelity.

In the fifth place, the spirit of the people is preserved and cherished by that decency of manners which prevails, and also by those morals which are not only countenanced but also practised. When decency of manners prevails it must be owing to this ; that every person who acts contrary to decency, is sure to be censured and punished.