

cive hands of power exist to regulate and control their passions. It is the virtue of governments alone on which the general prosperity depends, and treaties have no better sanction than what that virtue can give them. These were the principles from which I first commenced my discourse, by these the rulers of communities are instructed to amend, as far as possible, by their prudence, what nature hath left imperfect; ambition or avarice will augment the evil, moderation may prevent it; every little inconvenience must be patiently suffered, where a superior right makes it necessary; the love of our country should never induce us to act contrary to that love which we ought to bear to mankind, since the interests of both, if they are rightly pursued, will always be found consistent with each other.