

If these duties are generally well performed, the movements of society go on in delightful quiet and harmony; and appeals to the law are unfrequent, and unnecessary: if they are violated, all is trouble and discord, and society can only be kept together by coercion. As in a private family; so is it in the great family of the nation. When the husband and wife, parent and child, master and servant, observe their respective duties, there is peace and happiness; but when the children usurp authority, and the servants disobey, nothing is done without the rod, and the frown; there is perpetual jarring and turmoil. So, likewise, when the King and all in authority under him, are treated by the people with gross disrespect, the persons and property of public officers with wanton outrage, there is neither public happiness nor prosperity. The *tendency* of such a state of things is to alienate and separate the higher from the lower classes; to throw back their kindness, to dry up their charities, and to confine their sympathies to persons in their own station. This is its natural *tendency*; that such has not been its *effect* to any great extent among us, I am happy to believe; for while many, from their losses in consequence of the destruction of so much property, have been unable to give to the same extent as formerly, while Colston's anniversary could not be celebrated on account of the public calamities, and the large subscriptions that used to be collected there were in a measure lost to the poor, yet the fires in Queen-Square had scarcely burnt out, before large sums were raised for the relief of the poor, on the dreaded approach of the pestilence. In this respect the wealthier classes have acted with becoming generosity.

The riots have further *disgraced* our city, so disgraced it that some have left it to reside elsewhere, and others who would have settled here, have staid away. The riots have brought shame and trouble into many families, formerly of good reputation and in comfortable circumstances. Many *quo* the day they were tempted by bad example, and the hope of concealment, to partake of the plunder; many have lost their rela-