

the sobriety of distant posterity, and the sagacity of an enlightened historian; and could be happy enough to make his voice heard, by all those directly or remotely interested in the event.

The great problem of political knowledge, is, how to preserve to mankind the advantages of freedom, together with an authority, strong enough to controul every daring violation of general security and peace. The prize of political wisdom is due to the man, who shall afford us the best comment upon that fundamental principle of civilization, Liberty without Licentiousness.

Great is the error, or sinister and alarming the policy, of those, who tell us that politics is a simple science, where the plainest understanding is in no danger of a fatal mistake. Politics, especially if we understand that term as relating to such societies of men as at present divide the earth, is the masterpiece of human sagacity.

To govern individuals in a petty and limited circle, is easy. They may be governed, if sufficient judgment be exercised upon the subject, by reason alone. But it is far otherwise with nations, with millions of men united under