

comply conscientiously and diligently with the obligations imposed upon them.

Thus, all that influential class of men in the Colonies who are actuated by ambition, whether on the great or on the small scale, have little reason to wish an exchange of their present constitutions for those of the stormy democracy in their neighbourhood.

On the other hand, by means of the elective franchise, which is very generally enjoyed, the great bulk of the people retain in their own hands sufficient political influence to make them feel quite free and truly independent in the situation where nature has placed them. Happily, also, the exercise of their political rights does not interfere to any hurtful degree with their social duties, nor carry them at all out of their proper sphere of life.

Thus the community at large possess fully as much, if not more freedom, than their neighbours, while the best informed and ablest members of it have better, and incomparably more permanent and definite, stimulants to honest ambition than the same class of men in the United States. Neither is the peace of society disturbed by incessant contentions for temporary power, and the inhabitants of the Colonies are enabled to manage their internal affairs upon more uniform principles, be-