

must notwithstanding yield to the system of pure speculation, because it is impossible to continue free under any government which is not framed according to the nice adjustment of a philosophical politician.

It is for these reasons that I omit to touch *upon the right* of the British over the Irish Parliament; and it is upon the same that I would recommend to the political writer to consider what is deficient *in practice*, what in *practice may be amended*, rather than to hunt after an Utopian liberty or system; and by one stroke, careless of the event of it, to extirpate an establishment, sanctified in its usage at least by the experience and approbation of ages.

But it will remain for your consideration, to what extent you will participate the blessings of commerce with your loyal and brave fellow subjects of Ireland. Their demand is for a free trade; that their industry may be exerted under the direction and influence of their own interest; that their talents may be exercised upon subjects which are best suited to them, or which are more particularly within their reach and command; that the product of these exertions may be applied to their own benefit, in the manner which they shall judge the best; that they may learn, practise, improve, and have a free communication with you in the establishment of manufactures, in the improvement of the arts, and in extending the commercial connections of these islands to the most distant parts.

They ask only for the product of their own industry, and of their own talents; to be allowed, in common with strangers, to purchase a participation with you of the improvements which successive ages have made in the various articles of traffic and of commerce.

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