

can this be prevented by any human devices yet invented? Are such things prevented by the democratical institutions of the United States? After all, it is perhaps better to be subservient to a monarch than to a mob. If a man must condescend to smile in order to obtain a selfish end, it is probable his character will suffer less by bowing to one man above him, than by cringing to a thousand below.

In the Colonies, men are content to insist upon equality of rights, and their protection, without ever dreaming of the visionary doctrine of universal equality amongst persons or property. In looking about also for preferment, suited to their station and capacity, they are not obliged to stoop before they attempt to soar. Their rights, it may be said, are of no great elevation; but those who sincerely desire to reach the comparative eminence which the Provincial offices bestow, may, generally speaking, be convinced, that respectability of conduct, united with sufficient talent and industry for the due performance of public duties, will seldom fail to attract the attention of government; and when such men once gain the station to which they aspire, and which their knowledge and talents enable them to fill with utility, they are sure to retain their place, under a system of mutual confidence and proper responsibility, as long as they