

some writers have done, this work would have had a better chance of success ; but, although a poor man, I cannot descend to such quackery.

It is true that my judgment may have failed in arriving at just conclusions ; but I have stated facts correctly, and endeavoured to convey the impressions made on my own mind with scrupulous fidelity. Inconsistencies may appear in what I have written ; but let it be kept in view that I have been attempting to give some account of a country full of inconsistencies, a land where political liberty is blended with licentiousness, and personal liberty with domestic slavery.

The impression left on my mind in regard to the manners of the Americans' mode of living, and the progress made in the arts and sciences, as indicated by the splendour of their cities, means of internal communication, manufactures, and commerce, is highly favourable ; and if the great amount of political liberty enjoyed by them, has not produced a greater amount of individual happiness than that enjoyed under some other forms of government, they have at least the power of adopting all improvements in the