

suffered to pervade every part of the political fabric, and will feelingly deplore that decay of ancient simplicity, and that avidity for dissipation and folly, which they are apt to consider as the necessary consequence of an extensive commercial intercourse with foreign nations.

In thoughts of this nature it is easy to forget that we are living, as Harrington calls it, "in the dregs of the Gothic empire," and to transport ourselves to all the pleasures of the most beautiful Utopia. We may be sure that no Government will ever, in point of fact, attempt to check the wealth of its subjects for the sake of preserving their morality. Colonization therefore will ever be practised, until some results of a more alarming tendency than an increase of national riches be found to spring from it. But we are not without some consolation to offer to the high-minded patrons of purity and virtue. Though amongst the treasures which Colonization offers to us, eight statues be of gold, a ninth may yet be found of a fairer and more lovely material; and those who despise its gaudy companions, may yet turn with delight to the contemplation of this.