

Blessing abroad. But send them in Time, don't let them run the Gantlet through all the Goals in the Kingdom, and then send them thither when they are good for nothing, as Transports. Poverty is a Misfortune, but no Crime, or at least no Crime in the Poor, whatever it may be in the Governors ; for true Policy consists in finding Employment for all People, and the Toleration of Idleness is an Error in Government. It is a Species of Profusion to bestow Alms upon able Men, but it is great Frugality to lay out twice what you would give them in Charity, to put them in a Way of subsisting themselves. The one is a temporary Relief to necessitous Persons, the other a real and perpetual Relief to the Body Politick. Be ashamed then of an Expedient that reflects Discredit upon them and you, and never think any Sum of Money thrown away, in putting your Countrymen in a Condition to live like Freemen, which is their Birth-right. These look like wild and extravagant Notions, only to wild and extravagant Men ; who, because they do not happen to feel Want themselves, have no Bowels for them that do ; tho' perhaps their Necessities are owing to
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