

promote the general happiness than any other form ?

FEAR is the foundation of most governments; but is so sordid and brutal a passion, and renders men, in whose breasts it predominates, so stupid, and miserable, that Americans will not be likely to approve of any political institution which is founded on it.

HONOUR is truly sacred, but holds a lower rank in the scale of moral excellence than virtue.—Indeed the former is but a part of the latter, and consequently has not equal pretensions to support a frame of government productive of human happiness.

THE foundation of every government is some principle or passion in the minds
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