

ly influenced by custom; but there is a small number of sages, scattered on the face of the earth, who will echo to me from the bottom of their hearts; and if these truths should haply force their way to the thrones of princes, be it known to them, that they come attended with the secret wishes of all mankind; and tell the sovereign who deigns them a gracious reception, that his fame shall outshine the glory of conquerors, and that equitable posterity will exalt his peaceful trophies above those of a Titus, an Antoninus or a Trajan.

How happy were mankind, if laws were now to be first formed; now that we see on the thrones of Europe, benevolent monarchs, friends to the virtues of peace, to the arts and sciences, fathers of their people, though crown'd yet citizens; the increase of whose authority augments the happiness of their subjects, by destroying that intermediate despotism, which intercepts the prayers of the people, to
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