

and who when they are asked, where their country lies, will point like an anagaras with their fingers to the heavens, is too loose and universal for the present age, and will forever endanger the firmest structure that human ingenuity can devise.

The country from which we derive our origin, and indeed all the Kingdoms of Europe with which we are best acquainted have from the most remote antiquity fostered this passion. - It has in some degree contributed to their grandeur and security. - It is therefore no wonder that the prejudices of Education should be put on its side and the mind early impressed with its truth and importance.

Seeing then how guarded most nations have been upon this subject, and testing the truth of it by the short experience which we ourselves have had; we have sufficient reason to be satisfied, that it is either too late or too early to support such systems of liberality. However exalted the virtue or distinguished the talents of an Individual may be, and however worthy of public confidence; yet it is nevertheless true, that in general it is unwise to trust the high concerns of a nation to men not born within its limits.

My own mind has long been satisfied on this subject and it appears salutary to carry the Massachusetts Resolves into effect.

By a Resolution of both Houses, the Governor was authorised to transmit a copy of our laws to the Executives of each State. This desirable measure I was not able to execute from the impossibility of procuring the acts of some Sessions. It was thought therefore advisable to wait till a complete copy could be procured.

I was early made sensible of the propriety of proposing an order in favour of Charlotte Hall School.