

seat is the bosom of God, his voice the harmony of the world, all things on Heaven & Earth do him homage, the very least as feeling his care & the greatest as well exempt from his power.

It is not at all to be wondered at, that the new Constitution should have especially regarded the great interest of justice. In fact it was, that equal laws, wholesome & just in their principles & speedy & cheap in their administration should be established, that the new Constitution was framed. If this great end is not attained then the new Constitution has been framed in vain. For the purpose administration of Justice is the only legitimate end of Government. "And in my mind," says Lord Brougham in his great speech on law reform, "he was guilty of no error - he was chargeable with no exaggeration, - he was betrayed by his fancy into no metaphors who once said that all we see about us, King, Lords & Commons, the whole machinery of the State, all the apparatus of the system & its varied workings, end in simply bringing twelve good men into a box - Such - the administration of justice - is the cause of the establishment of government - such is the use of government: it is this purpose which can alone justify restraints on natural liberty; it is this only which can excuse constant interference with the rights & property of men."

Government then, was invented in order that justice may be duly administered between man & man. The new Constitution, in order that this great end of Government should be attained under the new better than under the old, commanded that special officers should be appointed to improve the whole frame of Justice. The authority by which this command is given is Supreme over the Executive, the Legislature & the Judiciary. Each, in its respective sphere is bound to see that this command of the Supreme Authority, shall be carried out in the meaning of the Constitution. And what is this meaning? That the work be done as speedily as may be. This is the manifest purpose of the Constitution. And if the Constitution could have spoken into being the reformed system of law - if its voice could have caused the dead & obsolete parts of the great judicial tree to fall off and new shoots to sprout out, bearing better fruits of Justice, the word would have been spoken; and the people would have, at once, entered upon the plain, the cheaper & the speedier path of Justice.

The men, the persons to whom this great work, in part, has been confided, have labored with that zeal which the command of the Constitution required; but with all our assiduity, nearly one half of the life of the new Constitution has expired & not one single improvement in the law has yet been given to the people. We are ready with the work & are knocking at the doors.