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## The Poor Man's Guardian:

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**PROGRESS OF DESPOTISM IN AMERICA. THE MIDDLE CLASSES SHOWN TO BE THE REAL AUTHORS OF SLAVERY IN ALL NATIONS. READ AND LEARN, &c.**  
*Friends, Brethren, and Fellow-Countrymen,*  
In these dreadful times when liberty is, as it were, hunted out of the world, when the best part of man-

oppression engender that almost despair which animates unarmed citizens to rush on bayonets. It is said the people of France are turbulent, seditious, and untay. So are the people of Ireland, and so are those of every other country where there is the spirit of man abiding, and abuses of authority to call it into action. The end of all government is the happiness of mankind, so far as that depends on those enjoyments which are equally essential to all, namely, the ordinary necessities of food, lodging, and clothing. Whenever the ordinances and institutions