On Picket Duty.

Henry George has another relapsily ally, Rev. Hugh O. Pentecoste. In a sermon preached at Newark lately in defence of George, he declared incidentally: "A Jook is not an Anarchist's argument." Will Parmon Pentecoste have the kindness to inform me why I am publishing the "Proudhon Library?"

The New York "Sun" is publishing some sensational London letters regarding Ruskin, in which it is claimed that he is about to join the Roman Catholic Church. With all his wonderful intellectual power, Ruskin is weak and contradictory, and nothing that he might come to notice anyone; but, until the "Sun's" correspondent substantiates his assertion by better evidence than sundry appreciative references to Catholicism in Ruskin's writings and the Catholic faith of some of his intimate friends, I shall satisfy my desire to disbelieve it.

Joe Cook opened his annual exhibition of his growing idiosyncasy in Tremont Temple, Boston, last Monday. Between this and his last he is the custom to answer, he found the newspapers that he has been there to answer. On this occasion he had time to answer but one question: "ought the Chicago Anarchists to be hung?" His answer was: "May God have mercy on the 2500 of the Anarchists, and may the courts not have mercy on their bodies!" This justification of murderous revenge upon earth by the hypocritical pretense of pardon in heaven had been prefixed by the lecturer's fierce attack upon the moderates Anarchist heresy of "reparation after death," in the light of which the bovine bellower's appeal for celestial mercy in behalf of the doomed victims of his capitalistic supporter was seen to be a hollow mockery upon his lying lips.

Shoeing at the idea that liberty would remedy the real wrongs of the world's condition, I ask no one to know if any one ever heard of a "corner in postage stamps." Why, yes; for years, in the matter of postage stamps, I've heard of nothing else. Uncle Sam long ago collared and cornered the privilege of issuing postage stamps, and no one else is allowed to issue any without paying a tax which is virtually prohibitory. Consequently we have to pay this monopolist, Uncle Sam, two cents for carrying our letters, though others, if allowed, would carry them for us one cent. I expect to see the money order branch of the postal service made a monopoly soon. For here is the American Express Company, one of those awful corporations, furnishing money orders at decidedly less than Uncle Sam's rates, payable at nearly seven thousand places in the United States, Mexico, and Canada,—payable, too, without any fees, fans, or red tape, and yet under conditions equally secure. But this is Anarchoid! Yes, it is Anarchist.

The Naugatuck "Agitator," in backing up the "Workmen's Advocate's" demand for State railroads on the ground that the State manages the post-office department so well, confidently asks: "Is postage ever higher for short distances than it was 20 years ago?" "Certainly it is. It costs me one cent to deliver a copy of Liberty through the post-office at street and number in Boston, but for about one-sixteenth of a cent I can send a copy through the post-office from Boston to San Francisco and have it delivered there in a short time, and I'll venture the assertion that no such percentage of discrimination in rates can be found on the schedules or in the contracts of any railroad in this country. Moreover, there is no valid reason for it, while often times, in the transportation of eight hours, there is excellent reason for charging more proportionately for a short haul than for a long haul. The once-rate for the delivery of liberty in Boston is now, at any, too high, but the rate of delivery in other parts of the country is ridiculously low; and it is because book.s, newspapers, and merchandise are carried at such low rates that the people have to pay two cents instead of one to get their letter carried. The utter disregard of the principle of proportion shown in the postage rates fixed by the 29, rate, and its recognition in the freight and passenger rates fixed by the railroads, instead of furnishing an argument against private enterprise, furnishes an argument in its favor.

Pen-Pictures of the Prisoners.

Dyer B. Love kindly permits me to publish the following letter, although it was originally written as a private communication:

To my dear John Feetor,

As my brief observation of the prisoners seemed to interest you, I will give you a fuller account. I have sequestered a piece of paper from the prison dockets to write this to you. I hope to learn from you what has happened to you since the last time you wrote me. I have learned that you have lost your position in the bar, and have been placed in the jury box. I hope to receive a letter from you again, and I hope you will see me again in the near future.

The next cell—223—is Engel's. He is a philippic German. He was arrested in May. His name is Engel. His trial was on May 1, and he was sentenced to three years. Engels is a social democrat, and he is a very severe critic of the German government. He was arrested for writing articles critical of the government and for his political activities.

Cell 32 is occupied by Spies. He is what the Irish call the "Brown County" of the movement. Young, ardent, and genial, he has a keen of friends. Several young ladies are in love with him, and I could wish him at the cage between two girls talking to him at once. Spies is the only one of the defendants who first recognized the gravity of the situation. Calmly awaiting arrest in his office and marched to jail, he told his minister, before the trial began, that they were to "swim." Always affable, yet always astral, he listens to words of courage with a mocking smile and turns the conversation with a joke. If Engel is an enthusiast, Spies is a philosopher. He believes in the philosophy of the Anarchist, and he has a profound understanding of the situation. He is a man of great courage and determination, and he never gives up without a fight. State Socialist as he is, but without knowing it, I shall never forget him. His cell is carpeted and adorned with flowers from his friends, and I never saw a symptom of false pride or egotism in him.

Schwab is in cell 3. He is a student in some course of the University of Berlin. His name is Schwab. He is a Greek sentence written on his lampshade, but I am too lazy to write it from memory. His autobiography describes him faithfully. He wrote, "that is his significance."

Cell 43 contains Fiedler, "Bad Sam." I am now correcting his autobiography, and it will be interesting. Poor Sam never saw a bomb in his life. With his warm and generous heart, touched with the misery of the poor, he was always ready to "create" in their behalf against the inequalities of existing conditions. Of the revolutionary phase he knew nothing, and no man was more greatly surprised at the verdict than he. I heard his speech before Gary, and to me, like the rest, it brought tears to the eyes. His wife has recently borne him a child, whether he has seen it I know not; it is doubtful. His father died last August. His speech alone has charged public opinion, and it was not one for effect, but it swarmed with honest and sincere. Before the suppression I was urging him to begin his autobiography, but he couldn't. After it came, he said: "I'm going to make a little of it!" Poor Sam! I've just read my him. His wife is of those home bodies who cling to their husbands, and after his arrest she did not know how to turn down on the cars without assistance. Her whole life had been unoccupied in him.

In cell 39 we find Fischer, "my favorite." He is of hewn granite, and his only complaint now is that under the new system of labor only a few are guaranteed wages through the barred door, and consequently he is compelled to abuse policemen. Fiedler and Lüning were the extremists. Fiedler was a fanatic, and was always ready to do his work, and believes the "cause" will be better served by his death than by a reprieve. Unlike Engel, he is not philosophic, but of a highly nervous temperament; yet his self is even-balanced and enduring. He has friends of his own kind.

In cell 29 is my old-time friend and comrade, Parsons. When he returned to deliver himself up, it was to the sign "in the conquering heroes come!" He knew nothing of the situation, and was impelled by his own "innate" sense of justice and the advice of his wife. Immediately he was landed in jail, Spies told him, in his own inimitable dry way, that he had run his neck into a mire! Like Fiedler, he has no desire to make fools of love and acquaintance. He has a keen of friends, and they do not think of reading these silkened cards, nor conceive how Fischer and Engel can be so in the thick of the campaign. I shall give him full credit for his belief. If he believed it was coming to an acquittal, it was his mistake. Yet none are cowards; none would think it the fatal moment should come. Perhaps you can gain some idea from this of the different characters of the eight men. My mission has been partly unavailing, but I am glad I came, and shall try to remain till after the spring! Yours truly,

Dyer B. Love.

An Expectation Realized.

Dyer B. Love.

The announcement contained in your circular, just at hand, to the effect that you have undertaken the formidable task of editing Proudhon's complete writings, and lately publishing the same in monthly parts suitable for binding, pleases me greatly; and I hasten to read my subscription, together with that of Mr. Weston, to the "Proudhon Library" for one year. Ever since reading your translation of Proudhon's "What is Property?" several years ago,—which so ardently interested me,—I have been experimentally looking for just such an announcement, and now that it has come I sincerely hope that no obstacles will arise to retard its issue.

Recognizing the magnitude of your venture, and the comconsiderable expense necessarily attached to such undertaking, I only hope that all who are interested in the enlightenment of humanity upon subjects which, although, I would highly commend the progress toward Liberty and universal happiness will rally to your cause.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. B. Perrott, Jr.

New York, New Jersey, January 8, 1897.
LIBERTY. 

THE SCIENCE OF SOCIETY.

Part First:

THE TRUE CONSTITUTION OF GOVERNMENT

Sovereignty of the Individual as the Proper Development of Protestantism, Democracy, and Socialism.

Continued from No. 92.

There is a manifest evidence to the man of reason that what we have thus far been proceeding to be rapidly accomplished in fact. In the history of the universe, perhaps, no one consideration which looks more directly to that consummation than the gradual elevation of man to the status of a free and independent individual, as the peculiar characteristic of the American this fact is probably more obvious than anywhere else. The pursuit of liberty is almost entirely abandoned to lawyers, and generally it is the career of theorists and political philosophers. The current mass-compounded of materialism and of the spirit of society, by which they try to maintain the spiritual aspect of the state upon human life, depends upon the acceptance of the social, and practice as it is a learned profession, is introduced, in the case of the politicians, by the element of conflict. In the true development of society, wherein materiality, power, condition of the officer and of the subject is alike and peculiarly unfounded. Defeated, he is inconceivable or not, by popular opinion, to the category of the “poor devil.” Successful, he is denounced as a political bogy. His position is premonitory precarious. Whatever veneration attaches still to the manufacturers and executive officers of law among us is mostly traditional, and the peculiar estimation of the executive officer is given to his “men-men” as the indigenous growth of our institutions is essentially disrespectful. The politician, in a republic, a man whom the great mass of the people, especially, has no personality of his own, and who have now, in a country and in which distinct personality is becoming the type and model of society. It is regarded today as a misfortune, in the family, in the home, in the respectable community of people, a man of any promise has a workaday turn for political preferment. Those who execute the laws have been in a few places more, but the measure of their respectability is a superfluous descent upon which the dignity of powders in liberal unfazed, the dignity of powders is broken, and the gentleman, the joiner, the yeoman, or the laborer, the whole of society, toward which mankind is unconsciously advancing, will shun all responsibility for and arbitrary control over the conduct of others as something so degrading to the dignity of a man that he must decline to be made king, and the whole world has not even seen the veil that is being thrown over, the whole series of bloody conflicts has been fought with weapons instead of giants, and that what the world wants, in the way of government, is letting alone.

But what then? Have we arrived at the summit of the whole matter when we have, in imagination, swept all the actual forms of Government out of existence? Is human society, in its nature and normal condition, to be a mere aggregation of men and women, without any foundation above it a mere private business of governing themselves. Whenever the world at large shall become as wise as they, when all men shall be considered the same, and the same freedom of thought, of action, and of opinion be given to all men, then Government will begin to be installed. Carlyle has indeed discovered that the fact good men are withdrawing from politics, without penetrating the rationale of the matter, but if it be fixed, in vain minds, there is an arena of a contest which has been waged for some six thousand years or so, with continuous conflict, at a time when they are beginning to recognize that the whole series of bloody conflicts has been fought with weapons instead of giants, and that what the world wants, in the way of government, is letting alone.

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The POLITICAL THEOLOGY OF MAZZINI

By MICHAEL HAKOUNINE

Translated from the French by Sarah E. Holmes

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Mazzini, moreover, has done all that he could to give to his God at least the appearance of a religious sentiment. This is a nervous sentimentality of this century, he has put on his lips the words, at first: "unknown, philosophy, science, liberty, and humanity." And he has, at the same time, the word "justice" and the word "suffering," antithesis of the other, so that the priests of the good old Catholic religion refuse to recognize their own Jehovah in the portrait which the modern prophet has made of him. And in truth, it is too true, that modern Catholicism was created to God in the most perfect performance of that particular function.

The God of Mazzini is not the God of impalpable veneration and eternal punishment. Breathing only pardon and love,—the same has always been said of the God of Christianity. He is the principal, according to the nature of things, to the principal aspirations of modern society; and, to better reach this end, he even pushes his quite modern consecration to the point of recognizing his liberty!

"You oppose to the inalienable divine liberty," writes Mazzini in his protest against the last council of Rome: "we are free, we are free because we are inhumane [Mazzini's ideal is the destruction of the individual to make room for the race]; we are free, because we are called to rise, to merit, consequently to choose between the good and the bad, between sacrifice and enjoyement."

What Mazzini calls liberty is at bottom only the absolute liberty to do the good to the point of the greatest good to the other man. And liberty is the power to choose, to choose, to choose: to choose according to the nature of the things, to the principal aspirations of every one, to better reach this end, he even pushes his quite modern consecration to the point of recognizing his liberty!

"God, perfect Being, whose every act is necessarily identified with the true and the just; who, without ruling all the nations we have of others, guides the human heart, and makes man the perfect being of his own will."

"I call God's will is mine own will, and God's free will is mine own free will."

"This last argument is magnificient, and gives the meaning of Mazzini's logic. In the same way any pagan priest who would sacrifice his life as the sacrifice of a temple to God, "God has to feed upon human blood; he can not fail to have without raising all the nations which we have of others!"

It is evident, in any case, that Mazzini's ideal is of leadership, constitutional and, since, better than all kings thus far known, he observes the charter which he has been granted to the world and to humanity, at least according to what is told us about it by Mazzini, he observes his charter, and ought, to know better than anyone.

But does this consecration, excessive on the part of a tool, reach its object? Absolutely.

And how could be reconciled with his existence with that of the world, when his very title of God, and, besides, that of true, Liberal, Legislator of Europe, which he bears, in my opinion, is quite as ridiculous as the old title of Grand Duke and Sceptre, however, in his own dress borrowed from our century, in which Mazzini believed he should be clothed, but not in the reality, which remains the same.

It will be just to show how Mazzini exercises an influence on men quite as pernicious as the old title of Grand Duke and Sceptre, however, in his own dress borrowed from our century, in which Mazzini believed he should be clothed, but not in the reality, which remains the same.

To be continued.

IRELAND!

By GEORGES SAUTON

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She, Marian, to possess this sway, when her beauty laidly differed from that of the humbliest Irelandwomen; when her home, sad and gloomy, til she had worn and cold, was decorated only by arumils of flowers in her season; She did not even suffer the name of beauty, no, Marian, to the merchandise of her sex.

And a kind of vanity troubled her for an instant. It must be, then, that she was endowed with physical charms really qnally in this frame, without any other endowment. Yes, this, part, she felt it; it was a vanity.

No: they were mistakes, they exaggerated in order to tempt her to a decision: but the priest, who followed the evolution of thought in the mind of the young girl, who was educated for her, Madeley, who was suffused with the shade of the toad, the spirit of the present, more or less pronounced, in all human tribes, even amongst cannibals.

The first condition, solidarity, is found likewise in many other species of animals, not this least, of the members of the species of the species of the species, the social unity, the social unity, the social unity,...

For all, as we see, there is no use of God; and it will be easy to prove later that a real intervention of God whatever the development of human society would have reached these developments absolutely impossible. The very fiction of divinity, a fiction historically explodable and inevitable, has sufficed to exalt men against him and to impose upon him, by his own force, the humanism of the human race.

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A Ridiculous Claim.

Some years ago John Most's "Freiheit," which had nothing but, meers for Pronontology, declared that he was not an Anarchist, that he belonged to the socialist, and that his followers had dwindled to the number of about twenty in the entire world. Since the publication of the works in English, "Freiheit" has discovered that he was not an Anarchist, but an Anarchistic Communist, that his works are an arsenal of overwhelming arguments for the use in the cause of the Revolution; that the Communism which he combatted was simply the principles of the French Revolution, and that all the modern theory of the French Revolution, which is the basis of all modern Communism, is because a foe of private property; and that his disciples should seek to comprehend him and supplement him. I give this in substance rather than attempt a translation of the "Freiheiten" by his German, but I have tried to avoid misrepresentation.

The claim put forward that Pronontology, and the Anarchists or any other variety, is as ridiculous as the claim of three years ago that he was not an Anarchist was false. He was always a vigorous and almost vindictive opponent of all varieties. If "Freiheit" did not believe it, I hope that, in fulfilling his promise to print extracts from the manifestos, he will also fulfill his promise to print the whole of the chapter on Communism contained in the second volume of "The Economists and Communitarians." There it will be seen that he singled out Cabot and his heirs for attack as logically representing all of the other Communist churches, whose formula, he claims, were all reducible to Cabot's: "My science is fraternity."

It is perfectly true that the need of comprehending Pronontology is great; but nowhere is it more obvious than in the office of the "Freiheit," as is shown by its echo of the capitalist commonplace that Pronontology was an enemy of property, and therefore a Communist. No person of average honesty and intelligence could make the distinction properly. He looked upon Communism as an antibalistic caricature of property, and upon both as equally unrighteous and absurd. The property which he criticised and condemned in the name of the class and of individuals, the dogma of which he was among the staunchest advocates, but the aggregate of capitalistic privileges granted and sustained by the State. He defined this aggregate as the institution of property, and rejected it with horror; but in it he found one element which he declared necessary, immutable, and absolute,—namely, "individual and transmissible possession; susceptible of exchange, but not of alienation; founded on labor, and not on Scipio's title deeds; capable of being no more admirable and concise summary of the antimodernist position."

I might proceed to fill columns with extracts of a similar tenor, but for the present I will content myself with the declaration which precedes the constitution of the banking association of P. J. Pronontology & Co.:

I make oath before God and before men, upon the Gospel and solemn appeal, that nothing less than the profoundest knowledge of all other principles of social reform than those set forth in the accompanying articles of association, and that I ask nothing more of the faithful application of these principles in their logical, legal, and legitimate consequences.

I declare that, in my innocent thought, these principles, with the consequences which flow from them, are the whole of Communism, and that of those there is not aught but utopia and chimera.
Confusing himself thereafter to prayer, at the foot of the altar, that the celestial wraith might discern, and beguiling the Lord to pardon the guilt—in this way, the priest flattered himself that he would make them forget him and would thus escape the frown of the superintending imps. But the living had been pushed on one side: in the heat of the discussion, he left the horse deliberately, and then, going along by the horses, he gibed and intoned his heavy black songs, while Marianne followed close behind him till after the service and sure of not encountering on his way Trevor, or any of the Unitarians.

Marianne, returning upon his heels, overwhelmed with this discussion, with all the impressions received, with all the sensations experienced, with the various, violent, and extraordinary, afflicting sensations which beset her, now that no one constrained her to dissiplate, and, in the fatigue, in the suffering of her weakened frame, saw breaks forth from her throat.

She listened to the singing of the priest returning from the seat on which she had been supporting herself. But it was not she; some one was drumming at the door. And she contrived, however, to manage, hesitating, like that of a child or an old man, to push the door open. "Edith!" exclaimed Marianne, drying her eyes, and extending her hands and face toward the threshold visitor, "Notwithstanding his beard, his features, his admirably, his depth, his breadth, Mr. Arklow's widow was shivering, although in profound perspiration and burning with a violent fever, while flames devoured her hollow eyes so deeply sunk in her head, that her features looked so frightfully prominent in this thin, was, almost cadaverous face.

The young girl drew her to the fire, wanted her to sit down, and questioned her with a silent solicitude; but all this interest seemed to trouble her, on the contrary, and she accepted its marks and testimonies with a readiness which Marianne interwove with imagination, that Edith was aware of Richard's visit and scandalized by it.

"Oh! do not take away your hands, Edith," she said, "and look at me; if she had entered here, it was not of my choice.

The mother of the little soldier told her, and her fixed eyes opened, no more of Mr. Arklow's sight, and children with the money which I would have bought garments for herself.

In voting with the Duchess, who, doubtless did not receive Richard without puritanism, but were rather of a regulated turn a respect for decency and a respect for decency and desire dresses a little more modern, and a dwelling less devoid of the simplest comforts; and the realization of these wishes, modest as they seemed, could be felt to be a real and substantial blessing.

And she explained herself clearly in this respect, not using the slightest air, not using the slightest pretext; and, in short, she had not, with which he had charged himself, after having, in Sir Richard's presence, plumed himself, so to speak, on his ability to lead the young girl to repentance.

"Exhort Sir Bradford to struggle against the temptation, to no longer daimain himself with the irremediable sin which you have denounced.

He has not the strength.

"Give it to him by your encouragement."

"What are you? I am only a child's song?"

"Is it not the voice of God which comes from your mouth?" replied Marianne.

"He does not know the accent of the voice of the Lord," said Richard.

"I do not know it, which side is the wrong side, friend?"

"The miracle would have been yours, if you had consented to play the rôle which you marked out for you and for which, surely, God has chosen you.

"It is too pernicious, and if I did not love myself, I should at least be despised of the most precious privilege of woman,—the purity of my life.

No, for a general abstraction in advance, I would absolve you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost!"

In pronouncing these words sanctuously, he extended in the air the gesture with which he had pronounced the preceding ones.

But Marianne was indifferent at this facility of indulgence of which she would not accept the benefit; she was of the opinion that it was not better to take upon herself the saving of the soul of the young girl, than to be saved herself with the help of the prayers of others.

So that the priest became very angry, and asked her who would cleanse her of the sin of which she had accused him.

In vehement spite, Sir Richard lifted in the air his great, spider-like arms, and his spread fingers steered the ceiling, while on the rough wall moved the fantastic shadow of an eagle.

He comprehended nothing of the young girl's screeches, so exaggerated, so extreme; they denoted evidently a mind as badly balanced as that of Bradford, and which must be, to this priest of the spirit of the priest, the meaning of the popular disturbance, had occasioned it, a disorder that had made him sick.

So that, while smearing Marianne, he inveighed against himself at the same time for having thoughtlessly engaged in this new complication, where he only registered once more the definite proof of his own powerlessness, compromising the little prestige and authority which remained to him.

"Who will cleanse you of the blood?" he began again.

But Trevor's grandchild was no longer there: she was setting the table in the next room, and the general discontent, since the commencement of the popular disturbances, had occasioned it, a disorder that had made him sick.

Marianne," called the priest, excessively vexed and in a very loud voice, deterring the Bishop, who had come in the company of his cousin.

Instead of answering, she went out into the yard, and, alas! she saw her go towards the cellar with a lantern, and fill some jugs from a cask of water.

At last the row had been made, and, as it was, perhaps, not in the desert.

Outside, steps were heard on the ground hardened by the frost; and, in the same way that he had surprised Richard's quartet, some one, connected with the same commerce, and who was talking in the cellar as a goblin, might have imagined to overhear his charges against the Duchess.

At the same time, the young girl saw herself no longer in fine clothes, but wrapped in an iry shroud, by the orders of the vindictive lady; for she surely would never forgive him this furious interference with her criminal love, or his grave insults to her.

He trembled, thinking of his awkwardness in thus placing himself under the hamlet at a time when he had grown toward the trio accused to his terror, spraved by them upon the anvil; and since to do what he imagined to be his duty, to obey his conscience, became so perilous in the present,—the sins of the world, and the people, were his sword, from the course, all hideous passions to unchain themselves, massacres to be perpetrated, cataclysms to burst upon the country, and, if need be, the impetuous to profane the divinity of the contract, and fight their way through the crowd. Doubtless all these scandals, all these base acts, all these miseries, all these abominations, for the punishment of the sinners.
An Apology and an Explanation.

[John Swinton's Paper]

Friend Tucker speaks thus through his organ...v.

John Swinton lately gave expression to a "controversial" thought in his paper to the effect that the presence of an institution or an individual in an unfair manner, and that the Swinton family was not interested in the discussion or the process.

Still in the Procrustean Bed.

Continuing his controversy with me regarding the logic of the principle of liberty, Mr. Pinney of the Winsted "Presbyterian" says:

There is no analogy between prohibition and the tariff; the two are not identical, nor are they the same thing as they are in fact. I do not mean, upon certain ends as of the "Presbyterian" school.

This is a distinction without a difference. The so-called prohibited liquor laws prohibit no man, even theoretically, from indulging his desire to sell liquor; it simply means the state, in its wisdom, to enforce it, even as an issue of reform.

Now it seems to us that Mr. Tucker is like the serpent that swallowed the egg, and the egg is an apple. This is the consequence of the "Prohibition" of Sir Henry Maine, under a legal system of production and distribution.

[Mr. Swinton's words should have been quoted as a whole, for they are a good example of the rules of logical debate and evidence.]

I am sure that Mr. Pinney, who started out with the proposition that there is nothing better than liberty and something nothing worse than despotism, should oppose law, making, treaty making, war declaring, etc., but none whatever he should favor an exclusive government currency. How much "torture" it requires to extract the idea of "prohibition of individual property or from the idea of an "exclusive government currency" or the words "may have in deciding, unless the word "exclusive" has acquired some new meaning in the case of joint stock companies. But Mr. Smollett's brilliant idea is not exhausted yet. He continues:

Nevertheless, government prohibits the taking of private property for public use and compensation. Therefore, if we fit Mr. Pinney into the idea of our own joint stock companies, we cannot sustain this form of prohibition and consistently oppose prohibition of liquor drinking. This is consistency run mad, "analogy" reduced to absurdity.

Government is a monopoly. We are astonished that Mr. Tucker can be guilty of it.

So much for the main issue. It is a question of whether or not the exports of foreign commodities, such as alcoholic beverages, may not be obstructed in their natural action by artificial and arbitrary restrictions. [End of Liberty.]
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