of the remarks to your future expectations. We are placed
fellow members in a situation enjoyed by few in any coun-
try in consequence of the unequal distribution of the goods
of fortune and other circumstances in constant attendance
upon every form of government. There always will be an
inequality in pecuniary relations if not in other respects.
This at first view would seem a misfortune to man in
his present state but upon mature reflection all will ad-
mit it to be one of the most essential benefits bestowed
upon him by his Creator. For conceive for a moment all
men equal in rank and pecuniary means, and where would
be that perpetual circulation of property, which serves to
keep all government civil and domestic in its perfect
equilibrio? Where would be those arts scientific and mecha-
nical which serve to protect and sustain as well as enlighten
and adorn their fortunate possessors. To particularize, what
would become of Agriculture, Manufactures and Commerce
without which no nation could subsist and what would in-
sure the continuance of every useful profession, however
humble and degraded in its appearance? We see then the
benignity of providence in thus withholding from us those
things which would be injurious to our welfare. I need not
inform you that you are of the favored part of the commu-
nity, you are conscious of it by a very superficial glance
around the circle of your immediate acquaintance. You are