of books which we peruse, for nothing is more apparent than that, the sentiments of an author will be adopted by the reader or at least his manner of reasoning or thinking of a person impartially peruses the works of Hume, Shaftesbury and other sceptical writers yet is evident, that they would acquire their sceptical manner. A knowledge of most important facts which have transpired, is requisite to form a complete scholar and man of public business, and he that is without some knowledge derived from books is deprived of most of the sublime pleasures of fancy and imagination. Besides, no man institute of this species of literary knowledge, is admitted to that rank and respectability, which he would otherwise hold; and the rational and delightful enjoyments of conversation will be denied to him, on account of the superficiality of his acquisitions, in this part of polite literature. Not that I conceive, you regard this subject with indifference, have I addressed you on this point, a superficial glance would convince me to the contrary, but the repetition of the advantage of the duties of society would perhaps be tedious, being so well understood. Therefore presumed to desert the usually subjects, though I am aware that you are perfectly acquainted with the one which I have introduced, yet this seat gives a licentiousness to its occupant which in another situation would be extremely liable to fix on a private person, the imputation of vanity and presumption...