King under the abstraction of lords and nobles. Civil liberties were circumscribed even in name. But the spirit of freedom was not to be repressed. And enlarge were the long ing of operations to effect slowly but surely the emancipation of man from this prenaturale

The novelty of civil laws became apparent from the interbreeding and more complicated interests which began to exist among between man and his fellow. These laws were to be

founded and applied; and thus learning became a pathway through which the diligent numerous struggle might ascend their way to stations of distinction in the State. Commerce was on the mutual jealousy of the King and Princes tended partly to elevate the people in the scale of national existence. The


to by diffusing the triumph of mind, credited a spirit of intellects reposing, and the Reformation while it privileged men to engage in these studies of religion and taught them of equality in treason induced them to speculate

on matters of Government, and the spread the idea of an equality between man and man the world at the outset of the century which we have alluded.

The germ of civil liberty which in