In fact, without its privileges and blessings, no
man, or people can arrive at any very great degree
of excellence in any thing; and to be free without its
blessing, even men of thought cannot flourish.
They are prevented for their discoveries by egomand
and prejudice, as visionary projects and wild specu-
lation. And likely the Ramorn prejudice by taking from
it the sanction of law and authority. See how Colum-
bus was compelled to wander so long from coast
to coast, and how Galileo was confined for his
opinion, and at length forced to abjure his own
discovery.
I suppose then, there is one one, who will deny
that freedom of thought and action, and that great-

ness of nations, palladium of our liberties,
freedom of the press, are indispensable principles to
any great degree of eminence in any department of
action. To prove this we need but look at one race,
the Anglo Saxon, who long enjoyed more of the benefits
of than any other people on the Globe, and who are
now the only nation, that have preserved man in his true dignity,
and maintained him in
the sphere in which he was formed to move. All others
are degraded by expurtiation, or converted by
vice.

Now I admit, that on looking back on human
records, the eye settles on writers as the main landmarks
of the past, and I admire the age of Proclus.