done? They have even been acquainted with gunpowder from time immemorial, according to Voltaire, and the art of printing they invented in the time of Julius Caesar.

But after all what are they? What has the East ever been to the West but a repository of the sciences and the arts? It is true the East has been the cradle of religion and the sciences, but it has been only the cradle, a mere lock in which they have been kept for a more active use. And although now their learning and science exist only in name yet from these very nations we derived the first elements of philosophy, astronomy and the sciences. And here I ask to what do historians attribute the decline of ancient nations, but luxury? and how does this bring about the result? Its direct tendency is to enervate and effeminate the people beguiling in them a desire for repose and ease, and thus the whole system becomes relaxed, and fallen humanity is left to plunder in deep waters of vice and sinful lust. But the Eastern races are characterized