downwards, for what purpose I know not, except it be to answer the use of a city pigeon-house. Others again are finished with a petty Cupola, open on every side to catch the rain and snow, in stormy seasons. These gross absurdities, and many more, that might be mentioned, not only tend to prove that the correct principles of the ancients are but little known in the present day, but also ill bespeak the wisdom, grandeur and correct taste of a great nation. Neither can such vile designs be furnished by men who have ever learned what mechanical Beauty meaneth.

But if we trace the origin of this depraved taste, so prevalent at the present day, we shall find that it may be attributed chiefly to two causes; first, instead of that reciprocal union and combination of talents, which ought ever to exist among theoretical and practical professors of science, we see little else than a contemptible assumption of pre-eminence and self-sufficiency in certain classes, particularly the gentlemen of the gown, who conceive that a black coat, and two or three unmeaning letters at the end of their names, form all that is necessary to rank them with an Archimedes or a