

A wise and frugal Government [is one] which shall  
restrain men from injuring one another,  
which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate  
their own pursuits of industry and improvement,  
and shall not take from the mouth  
of labor the bread it has earned.

This is the sum of good government, and this is  
necessary to close the circle of our felicities [our  
intense happiness and satisfaction].

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Thomas Jefferson