

Hume (Joseph) long and important letter to Joseph Christy,
1849

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Respected friend

In your letter of the 3rd Inst. you state
"that the only apparent remedy to check the Procreancy of
"wretchedness, so often in some Nations, is a restraint
"of Taxes -"

After a careful attention to the working
of the System in this Country (now 38 Years since
I first entered the A.S.P.) I have come to this very
intelligible conclusion - That if you attempt to load
up a population, ignorant as brutes, that you have
no right to expect from them any other than a wretched
wasteful, criminal & degenerate conduct -

Education to teach Self Control & that
restored in the papers of men can alone fit them
for the Civilized life they might lead in this
Country: and I have always considered that, as the
forming & most important duty of a Government -

It is to be considered as that ^{where} there are
to well. Still denied in the Consumption of 26

Joseph Christy Esq }
Reading }

Mills

Millions of Quilts of Ardour & Spirit, by an
ignorant & half brutal Population, in one year,
that the Process should be just & the work done
well planned?

When you see that 6 Mills of State of public
^{iniquity} money, & ^{large amount} ~~is spent~~ by Parli^{ment} for the religious instruction
of the Widow People, and that a large portion of
that ^{large amount} is spent by clergymen who do not attend
to the duty assigned by the State - when you
see 100 Criminals since 20 can read or write
or have had any teaching of any kind - when
you see the Church man & the Dissenter fighting
whether shall obtain the Ownership & direction of
Education, and both ^{in one object only, viz} oppose general
^{can't be made conditional all} Education, & that you support ^{the} the poor
unfortunate Creatures whom you condemn in
ignorance with all its allied interests!!

Extraneous of the Just & large
unsystematic Establishments, that require heavy
tax

taxation to maintain the efficiency & health that
we see when we around us, are only symptoms of
the bad Government, salong carried on for the benefit
of the few - the reduction of taxes will be a good indirectly
and I hope the people will press that in Parli^{ment}.
But the Vice now should look to the root of the
Evils we now have to combat, & he should apply
himself to uproot them all & to prevent the further
spread of what you have stated to be so alarming
in America & other places.

The root of the evil is in the Constitution of the
Slave States, whose little or representative of the
People, ought to make them the protectors of the
Millions, & should induce them to lay the burden
of taxation on those who have the means of paying
it - and they should not take from the pockets
of the people one shilling more than is required
for the payment of the services of the public.

Then debts incurred by the Slave
States & you should direct your attention to some
class of men better representing the Wishes Wishes
of the Community - You would not be
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Suppose, a more equal allocation of Repre-
-sentatives to the population, protection to the
Lamentable School seeking with the students
of the Slaves - !!!

This would be the remedy
and immediately apply ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ the next
Election, who have the power, shall be directed
to promote that Reform you may look
in vain for relief to the present State of
the Country - You ^{will} ~~may~~ get more as
you will - You may get better by the
remedy I point out: & you may perform
your part by asking Do the Representatives
of Reading support the desired Reform.

If not why should they?

Amicus Jun. 21st. 1840

Amos Stone

P.S. If you or any other. Elector want good times for
a hour, or a day, or any other Annual, you would be
the trouble to have the Annual taught, or you could
obtain the same you want - Show why, as you regard
the welfare of the people of the State, why do you refuse
to educate all. 12