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To Daniel, Jodie, James, and Thomas

All government, indeed every human benefit and enjoyment,
every virtue and every prudent act, is founded on
compromise and barter. We balance inconveniences; we give
and take; we remit some rights, that we may enjoy others; and
we choose rather to be happy citizens than subtle disputants. . . .

But, in all fair dealings, the thing bought must bear some
proportion to the price paid. None will barter away
the immediate jewel of his soul.

—Edmund Burke, speech on the conciliation with America



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