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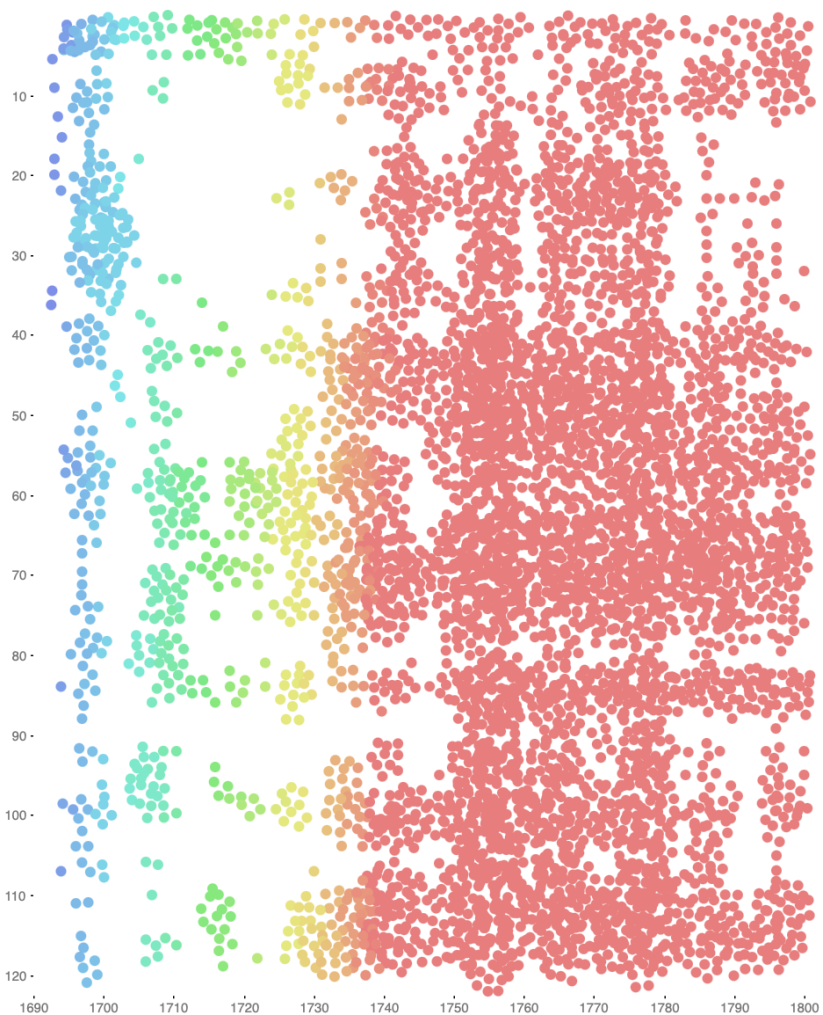
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1690 - An essay concerning humane understanding

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disease them: because that causing no disorderly motion in it, leaves that curious Organ unharm'd, in its natural state. But yet excess of Cold, as well as Heat, pains us: because it is equally destructive to that temper, which is necessary to the preservation of life, and the exercise of the several functions of the Body, which consists in a moderate degree of warmth; or, if you please, a motion of the insensible parts of our Bodies, confined within certain bounds. §. 5. Beyond all this, we may find another reason \*why\* God hath scattered up and down \*several degrees of pleasure and pain, in all the things that environ and affect us\*; and blended them together, in almost all that our Thoughts and Senses have to do with; that we finding imperfection, dissatisfaction, and want of compleat happiness, in all the Enjoyments of the Creatures can afford us, might be led to seek it in the enjoyment of him, \*with whom there is fulness of joy, and at whose right hand are pleasures for evermore.\* §. 6. Though what I have here said, may not, perhaps, make the \*Ideas of Pleasure and Pain\* clearer to us, than our own Experience does, which is the only way that we are capable of having them; yet the consideration of the Reason, why they are annexed to so many other \*Ideas,\* serving to give us due sentiments of the Wisdom and Goodness of the Sovereign Disposer of all Things, may not be unsuitable to the main end of these enquiries: The knowledge and

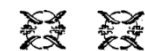
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self to us in an easterly Wind. A celebrated *French* Novelist, in Opposition to those who begin their Romances with the flow'ry Season of the Year, enters on his Story thus: *In the gloomy Month of November, when the People of England hang and drown themselves, a disconsolate Lover walked out into the Fields, &c.*

EVERY one ought to fence against the Temper of his Climate or Constitution, and frequently to indulge in himself those Considerations which may give him a Serenity of Mind, and enable him to bear up cheerfully against those little Evils and Misfortunes which are common to human Nature, and which by a right Improvement of them will produce a Satiety of Joy, and an uninterrupted Happiness.

AT the same Time that I would engage my Reader to consider the World in its most agreeable Lights, I must own there are many Evils which naturally spring up amidst the Entertainments that are provided for us; but these, if rightly consider'd, should be far from overcasting the Mind with Sorrow, or destroying that Cheerfulness of Temper which I have been recommending. This Interperfection of Evil with Good, and Pain with Pleasure, in the Works of Nature, is very truly ascribed by Mr. *Locke*, in his Essay on human Understanding, to a moral Reason, in the following Words.

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