John Locke – Thomas Jefferson Parallels

  Thomas Jefferson was a scholar and a number of the ideas expressed in the Declaration of Independence were previously expressed in the works of John Locke. Some quotations from John Locke are provided below. Find a complementary quotation in the Declaration of Independence.

John Locke said …	Declaration of Independence
"The State of Nature has a Law of Nature to govern it, which obliges every one: …"	
"And Reason, which is that Law, teaches all Mankind, who will but consult it, that being all equal and independent, …"	
"Man … hath by nature a power, not only to preserve his property, that is, his life, liberty and estate, against the injuries and attempts of other men; …"	
"The reason why men enter into society, … and the end why they chuse and authorize a legislative, is, that there may be laws made, and rules set, as guards and fences to the properties of all the members of the society, …"	
"For when any number of men have, by the consent of every individual, made a community, they have thereby made that community one body, with a power to act as one body, which is only by the will and determination of the majority: …"	
"There is, … another way whereby governments are dissolved, and that is, when the legislative, or the prince either of them, act contrary to their trust." "… if the unlawful acts done by the magistrate be maintained … they have a right to defend themselves, and to recover by force what by unlawful force is taken from them; …"	
But if a long train of abuses, prevarications, and artifices, all tending the same way, make the design visible to the people, and they cannot but feel what they lie under and see whither they are going, …"	
"… it is not be wondered that they should then rouse themselves, and endeavour to put the rule into such hands which may secure to them the ends for which government was at first erected; …"	
"Just and moderate governments are everywhere quiet, everywhere safe; …"	
"… oppression raises ferments and makes men struggle to cast off an uneasy and tyrannical yoke."	