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BUT it is not difficult to perceive that those who maintain the contrary Opinion have some reason on their side; for a Man may become a Slave two different ways; for he may be so by law also, and this law is a certain Compact, by which whatsoever is taken in Battle, is adjudged to be the property of the Conquerors: but many Persons who are conversant in Law call in question this pretended right, and say that it would be hard that a Man should be compelled by violence, to be the Slave and Subject of another, who had the Power to compel him, and was his superior in Strength; and upon this Subject, even of those who are wise, some think one way and some another; but the Cause of this doubt and variety of Opinions arises from hence, that great abilities, when accompanied with proper means, are generally able to succeed by force: for Victory is always owing to a Superiority in some advantageous Circumstances; so that it seems that force never prevails but in consequence of great Abilities. But still the dispute concerning the justice of it remains; for some Persons think, that justice consists in benevolence, others think it just that the
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