

Powerful should govern: in the midst of these contrary Opinions, there are no reasons sufficient to convince us, that the Right of being Master, and Governor, ought not to be placed with those who have the greatest Abilities. Some Persons, entirely resting upon the Right which the Law gives (for that which is legal is in some respects just) insist upon it that Slavery occasioned by War is just, not that they say it is wholly so, for it may happen that the Principle upon which the Wars were commenced is unjust; moreover no one will say that a man who is unworthily in Slavery, is therefore a Slave; for if so, men of the noblest Families might happen to be Slaves, and the descendants of Slaves, if they should chance to be taken Prisoners in War, and sold: to avoid this difficulty they say that such Persons should not be called Slaves, but Barbarians only should; but when they say this, they do nothing more than enquire who is a Slave by Nature, which was what we at first said; for we must acknowledge that there are some Persons, who, wherever they are, must necessarily be Slaves, but others, in no Situation; thus also it is with those of noble descent: it is not only in their own Country that they are esteemed as such, but every where, but the Barbarians are respected on this account at home only; as if Nobility and Freedom were of two sorts, the one universal, the

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