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Tributes can be raised in most republics because the citizen who thinks he is paying himself is willing to pay them, and ordinarily has the power as the effect of the nature of the government.

In monarchy, the tributes can be raised because the moderation of the government can procure wealth : it is like the prince's reward, because of the respect he has for the laws. In the despotic state they cannot be raised, because extreme servitude cannot be increased.