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- The Spirit of Law - Book V. That the laws made by the legislator must be relative to the principle of the government -

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We have just seen that the laws of education must be relative to the principle of each government. The same applies to laws which the legislator makes for the whole society. This relationship of the laws to that principle primes all the government's resources, and that principle in turn receives added force from them. In similar fashion, in physical movements action is always followed by a reaction.

We shall now examine this relationship in each government ; and we shall begin with the republican state, the principle of which is virtue.