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# **XIX.11 Observation**

- The Spirit of Law - Book XIX. On the laws in the relation they have to the principles that constitute the general spirit, the ethos, and the manners of a nation -

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I have not said this to diminish at all the infinite distance between vices and virtues : God forbid ! I have only meant to get across the idea that all political vices are not moral vices, and all moral vices are not political vices ; and those who make laws that go against the general spirit must not ignore this fact.