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The law of Geneva that excludes from magistracies, and even from entry into the great council, the children of those who have lived or died insolvent unless they acquit their father's debts, is very good. It has the effect of giving confidence for dealers, for magistrates, and for the state itself. There private trust still has the force of public trust. [1]

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[1] [In the 1758 edition, [Annex 10](#) is inserted as chapter xvi between these two chapters.]