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Such are the principles of the three governments, all of which does not mean that people in a given republic are virtuous, but that they should be. Neither does it prove that in a given monarchy people have honor, and in a particular despotic state they live in fear, but that they should : otherwise the government will be imperfect.