

<http://montesquieu.ens-lyon.fr/spip.php?article3010>



## XXIV.12 On penances

- The Spirit of Law - Book XXIV. On laws in their relation with religion, considered in its doctrines and in itself -

Date de mise en ligne : vendredi 7 septembre 2018

---

Copyright © Montesquieu - Tous droits réservés

---

It is a good thing for penances to be combined with the idea of work, not the idea of idleness ; with the idea of the good, not the idea of the extraordinary ; with the idea of frugality, not the idea of avarice.