

-cerned, is no longer a Science, and must cease to be regarded as such. Moreover if the principles of distribution are a matter of human institution solely; are subject to regulation at the will of the individual or collective group whether expressed in associated action or governmental direction, then Economics is not a positive Science and must be dropped from the category of such. On the other hand, however, if it be found that the distribution of wealth is not ruled by caprice or more definitely, by human direction solely, that on the contrary there are in fact laws in the economic as in the physical world according to which wealth is produced and distributed then indeed we have a positive Science of Economics and the term as hitherto applied has not been a misnomer.

There is not wanting an abundance of authority in support of ^{each} either of these opposing views. So Adam Smith and John Stuart Mill, the principles of distribution were a matter of human institution solely. The things once there mankind individually