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The legal fiction of exterritoriality has, according to our English exchanges, played an important part in the King's continental tour. The Law Times (London), referring to Taylor's International Law, says: "The visit of King Edward VII. to Paris being in the character of a 'Sovereign' visit, the British Embassy at Paris became the residence of the King, the embassy being exterritorial. The convenience and, indeed, the necessity of the fiction of exterritoriality in the case of a Sovereign who as the head of a State represents not only its dignity but its independence are manifest. A Sovereign to whom the privilege of entering upon foreign territory has been granted has immunity from the local jurisdiction of the foreign State so long as he remains there in his No dues or taxes can be exacted from him; Sovereign capacity. his house, which is his sanctuary, cannot be invaded by police or administrative officers; he cannot be subject to the jurisdiction, ordinary or extraordinary, of civil or criminal tribunals; and such immunities extend equally to every member of his suite."

A writer in the same journal refers to the difference between the powers possessed by Continental Governments and our own in connection with the prompt stoppage of the Paris-Madrid motor race: "The prompt stoppage of the Paris-Madrid motor race illustrates once more a salient point of difference between the powers possessed by Continental Governments and our own in the matter of issuing decrees and orders which have obligatory force. In this country, as is so clearly brought out by Professor Dicey in his Law of the Constitution, the rule of law prevents, as a general rule, any government department taking many steps of a precautionary nature which are inherent in Continental Unless under the express authority of a statute, no steps similar to those which have just been taken in France and Spain are open to the British Executive, and it may be worth while to point out that under the Light Locomotive (Ireland) Act recently passed, which sanctions the motor races in Treland, there appears to be no authority to prohibit their continuation should it unfortunately happen that in their early stages they are accompanied by the like mishaps as befell the Paris-Madrid competitors and onlookers."