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In order to complete the clear discovery of what Doctor Price seems at least to keep too much out of sight,—I can not hit upon a more fair and perspicuous method, than the transcribing the following passage from his book, with no other alteration, than applying generally to all persons not incorporated or consolidated together by an adequate representation, what he there solely applies to different states; an application which his principles and explicit acknowledgements indubitably warrant: the words inserted within crotchets are the only alterations, and I have given those for which they are substituted in the margin.

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[&]quot;It may be asked,—Are there not causes by which [persons*] may acquire a rightful authority over [other persons+,] though not consolidated by an adequate representation?—I answer, that there are no such causes.—All the causes to which such an effect can be ascribed are Contiques, Compact, or Obligations continues. What he says about the first and the last of these causes is nothing to the present purpose: