

The Origin of the Powers of the State

Human beings have a competitive advantage in nature, an advantage that helps us survive.

We are able to specialize and exchange.

If we each had to fulfil all our needs ourselves – make our own shoes, our own food, our clothes, our tools, our shelter – you can imagine that life would be rough!

Instead, we focus our efforts, our abilities and our resources on offering a product or service to fulfil the needs of others more economically.

This common endeavour, to better fulfil the needs of our fellow citizens, requires a civil society. It works only if the people forego the use of force to fulfil their needs and settle their differences.

To ensure justice and defend our persons, our possessions and our society against those who would want to dispossess us by force, we must lend our strength to one who possesses the confidence of our society.

The people first entrusted their power to the head of the family, then to the head of the tribe and, eventually, to the Queen to wield for the commonwealth.

We thank you for your attention and your interests in improving our governance.