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17. But these principles, strongly conservative though they be, on the side of existing property do not at all times prevent a revolution—which is much more frequently, however, a revolution of power than of property. But when such is the degree of violence abroad in society, that even the latter is effected—this, most assuredly, does not arise from any decay or intermission of the possessory feelings, that we have just been expounding ; but from the force and fermentation of other causes which prevail in opposition to these, and in spite of them. And, after that such revolution has done its work, and ejected the old dynasty of proprietors, the mischief to them may be as irrecoverable, as if their estates had been wrested from them by an irruption from the waters of the ocean, by earthquake, or the sweeping resistless visitation of any other great physical calamity. The moral world has its epochs and its transitions as well as the natural, during which the ordinary laws are not suspended, but only for the time overborne ; but this does not hinder the recurrence and full reinstatement of these laws during the long eras of intermediate repose. And it is marvellous with what certainty and speed the conservative influences, of which we have treated, gather around a new system of things, with whatever violence, and even injustice, it may have been ushered into the