ought to be, and is the object of wise legislators to form institutions and laws which will counteract the influence of climate, and it frequently happens that their efforts on otherwise unresisted ground are so to change the constitution of the paper, and thus climate acting as an raining current tends to by irradiating the necessity of such institutions, tends to proceed or effect upon this physical and moral constitution of man, totally at variance with what we common or at first look to suppose.

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