

“There is, indeed, the rule of a master, which is concerned with menial offices - the master need not know how to perform these, but may employ others in the execution of them: the other would be degrading; and by the other I mean the power actually to do menial duties, which vary much in character and are executed by various classes of slaves, such, for example, as handicraftsmen, who, as their name signifies, live by the labour of their hands: under these the mechanic is included. Hence in ancient times, and among some nations, the working classes had no share in the government - a privilege which they only acquired under the extreme democracy.

Certainly the good man and the statesman and the good citizen ought not to learn the crafts of inferiors except for their own occasional use; if they habitually practice them, there will cease to be a distinction between master and slave.”

