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It is evident that one of the major failures of a republic results from men's lack of ingenuity in helping each other on a mutual basis, which is a necessary ingredient for the preservation and splendor of a society. By virtue of its far-reaching power, the government is itself similarly responsible for providing assistance with this endeavor. Hypothetically speaking, even those government regulations involving reprobates and contractual relations among men as well as the general rule of men all require the highest principle designed to improve the human race, which exceeds all other rules that may have been followed in the past. Therefore, it is good that every politician and legal counselor knows this General Axiom, which must be implemented in a gradual manner (that is to say, to implement this axiom in a measured way). Precisely, where a necessity exists, it is imperative to determine from this principle the fundamental laws governing the land, the nature of the particular need, the character and the condition of the citizens and, finally, the preconceived notions or the prejudices of the people that could have a negative impact on the manner of government. This is the current situation in Spain, which by itself lacks the capacity for the creation of this condition and this lack of capacity could certainly have an influence on depopulation or the opulence of the inhabitants, considering that all men are driven by a full awareness of their self-interests. Specifically, the Sujeros Acandalados Peninsula lacks this condition, even though its inhabitants want to initiate building projects, which those who are well-known to us, also firmly desire. The acceptance of the peninsula into the kingdom will proceed, whether its inhabitants are Jews or powerful Protestants, whose wealth will stimulate the increase of commercial activity among the Spaniards. Thus, the acceptance of the peninsula into the kingdom would be a dignified achievement [Page 2] while also serving as a reminder of the present situation in Spain. Similarly, the addition of this peninsula should memorialize the earlier conditions that were prevalent in Spain.

During the 14<sup>th</sup> century, it is true that Jews inhabited Spain by means of certain limits and conditions but it is equally far from verifiable that this had beneficial results for the nation because this caste of people insensibly proceeded to destroy the country and the monarchy was exposed to the most destructive results. The heroic Spaniard Castropalo the First, who served as minister to Lord Alfonso, wisely determined to excommunicate the Jews from every part of the kingdom and he did so with such a well-grounded providence that the Jews were happily exiled within 8 days. Castropalo thus wrote a treatise concerning the axioms of the Jews as well as the prejudicial sentiments they aroused in Spain, which caused Brother Rodriguez, the General Inquisitor, to remark that this treatise was worthy of being written in gold. Regicides were a common occurrence during the time of the Goths because one could only secure

the crown through an election process that was based on the codicils of the Jews, not on the ambitions of the Spaniards. It is thus said with good reason that various practical matters are attributable to this truth.

The ingenuity of the Spaniards, evident in all degrees of perfection, may be explained by reason of such traditions as religion, which makes men commendable. Therefore, the only necessary element for us to behold this truth in a minimal manner would be through an analysis of the constancy of religion, which has never strayed from the search for this truth. Additionally, after a time, all those arguments designed to augment the purity of heartfelt love caused people to embrace it with so much fervor. As a result of this situation, Urban IV rightfully called this truth a garden of the Church in Spain. The tribunal of the Holy Office of the Inquisition could be referred to as the "Guardian Angel of the Faith," and it has been preserved with much honor as well as at the pleasure of the Spaniards, who have always regarded this as one of their most precious treasures. The preservation of this institution has inspired the passage of laws designed to place it in a privileged position as have the utterance of oaths by kings to protect and to execute its mandate. Similarly, kings have preserved this institution to communicate [Page 3] its authority, whose foundation is based on the purity of religion. Presently, we reside within the purview of those doctrines that preserve us, those that educate us and, finally, those that protect our ears from the corrupting effects of seduction, which we may encounter at a later time in particular needs, politics, economics and, perhaps, even in our passions. Should seduction thus corrupt our passions, then we will have a good reason to fear. Let us then not fall into that fatal precipice that we have abhorred with so much passion.