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HOBBES'S THEORY OF SOVEREIGNTY

The above, in brief, is the connection between the condition of men in the The above, in birst i, is the connection between the condition of mea in the state of nature and the theory of vorceignty in Levianian. Does the premise, the state of nature, lead by logical necessity to the conclusion, sovereignty D/ Or, what is a connected question, is there another form of commonwealth (and sovereignty) which is consistent with Hobbes's view of pre-civil mart). The aiswest secares to be yest. Hume apparently threaght so when her stated data

The answer seems to be yes. Hume apparently thought so when he stated that both these systems [referring to the Hobbesian and Lockean theories of sovereighty] of speculative principles are just, though not in the sense intended by the parties; and that both the schemes of practical conse-quences are prudent, though not in the extremes to which each party, in opposition to the other, has commonly endeavored to carry them.⁴ It is noteworthy that some recent scholars have argued that Locke con-structed a different form of (vii) society upon foundations essentially similar to Hobbe's. Locke, they contend, was no less concerned with the "great nocewerineces" of the natural condition than was Hobbes, though he sought to conceal the extent to which he began from similar propositions.⁷ Let us turn now to a more detailed answer to the above question, whether sovereighty is logically entitled in the treatment of the state of nature.

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Though Hobbes's theory of soverainty is not logically dependent guments deduced from the discussion of man, it is nonetheless a co-ne. "The Essence of the Commonwealth," Hobbes states,

to contract or whose Acts a great Multitade, by mutual Covenants one with another, have made themselves every one the Author, to the end he may use the strength and means of them all; as he shall think expedient, for their Pesce and Common Defence. And he that carrych this Penco, is solided Soveraigne, and said to have Soveraigne Power; and every one besides his Subject. [Chap. 18, p. 228]

p. 228] it is most important to understand correctly what is meant in the above by the words person, author, and covenant, for they bear a precise and somewhat technical relationship to the theory of sovereigncy in *Levisidhum*. We will turn a discussion of thesic earns shortly. Let us single out two conflicting interpretations of Hobbes's theory of overeignty. These two interpretations—one we may loosely call Tory, the observed the overeign's rights. The one view (Tory) states that the fyints of sovereigns are not conditional in any sense whatsoever upon an ignitial contract instituting the commonwealth. According to this interpre-ation, the *rights* of sovereigns are drawn exclusively from the nature of the nature of the sovereign's reset.

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