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INTRODUCTION.

THERE is no condition, in which transcendent excellence in the discharge of its duties is more beneficial, either to the State, or to the individuals who compose it, than that of a magistrate, who presides in one of its supreme tribunals, and whose counsels considerably influence its civil legislation.

Such was Henry-Francis D'Aguesseau, Chancellor of France. Profoundly skilled in its constitution and laws, intimately versed in literature and science, a sincere lover of his country, religious, upright, indefatigable, patient and considerate, he filled, during thirtyfour years, the highest of its magisterial digni-

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