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This volume contains two works of 1777. The *Prix de la justice et de l'humanité*, is a summation of Voltaire's opinions over a lifetime about the confusions and cruelties in the contemporary justice system.

The *Commentaire sur l'Esprit des lois de Montesquieu* resulted from Condorcet's criticisms of Voltaire's disparaging comments about Montesquieu. At first Voltaire had regarded Montesquieu as an ally in the fight against Church-led oppression, but by 1777 he associated him with republicanism, arguing that *L'Esprit des lois* 'aurait dû être intitulé *L'Esprit républicain*'.

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