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The big picture: evolution of parliaments

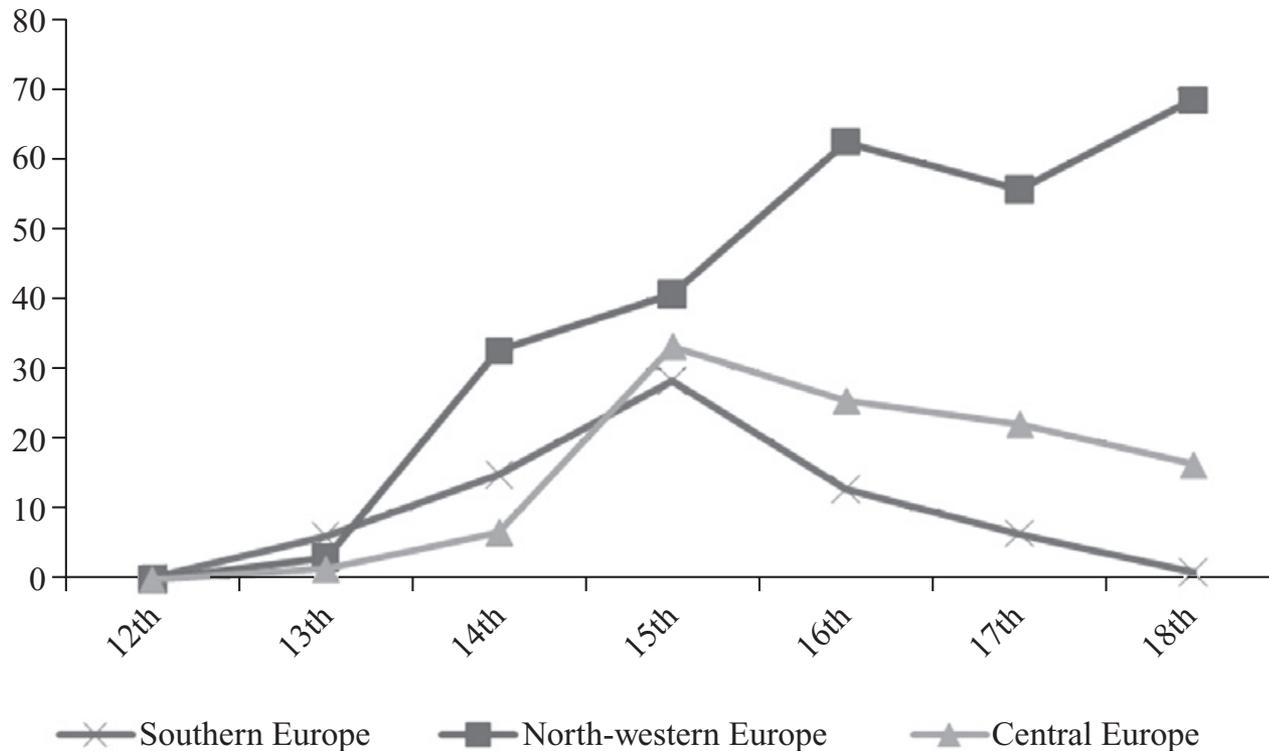


Figure 4. *Activity index of parliaments in three parts of Europe, twelfth to eighteenth centuries*

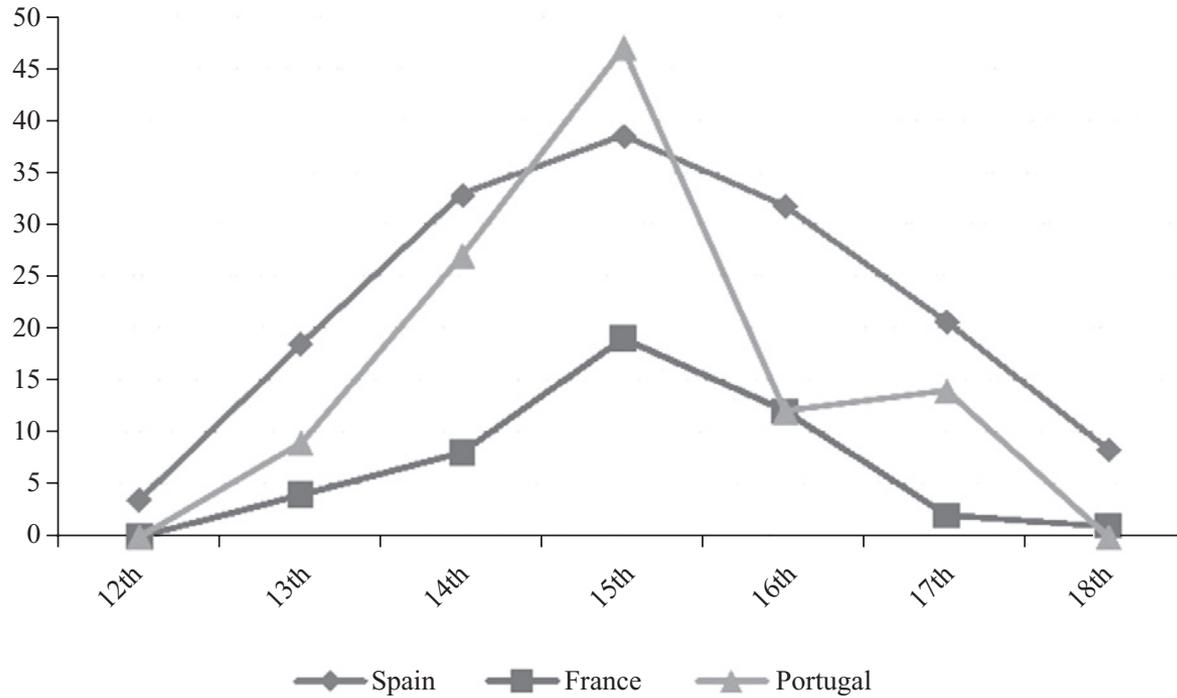
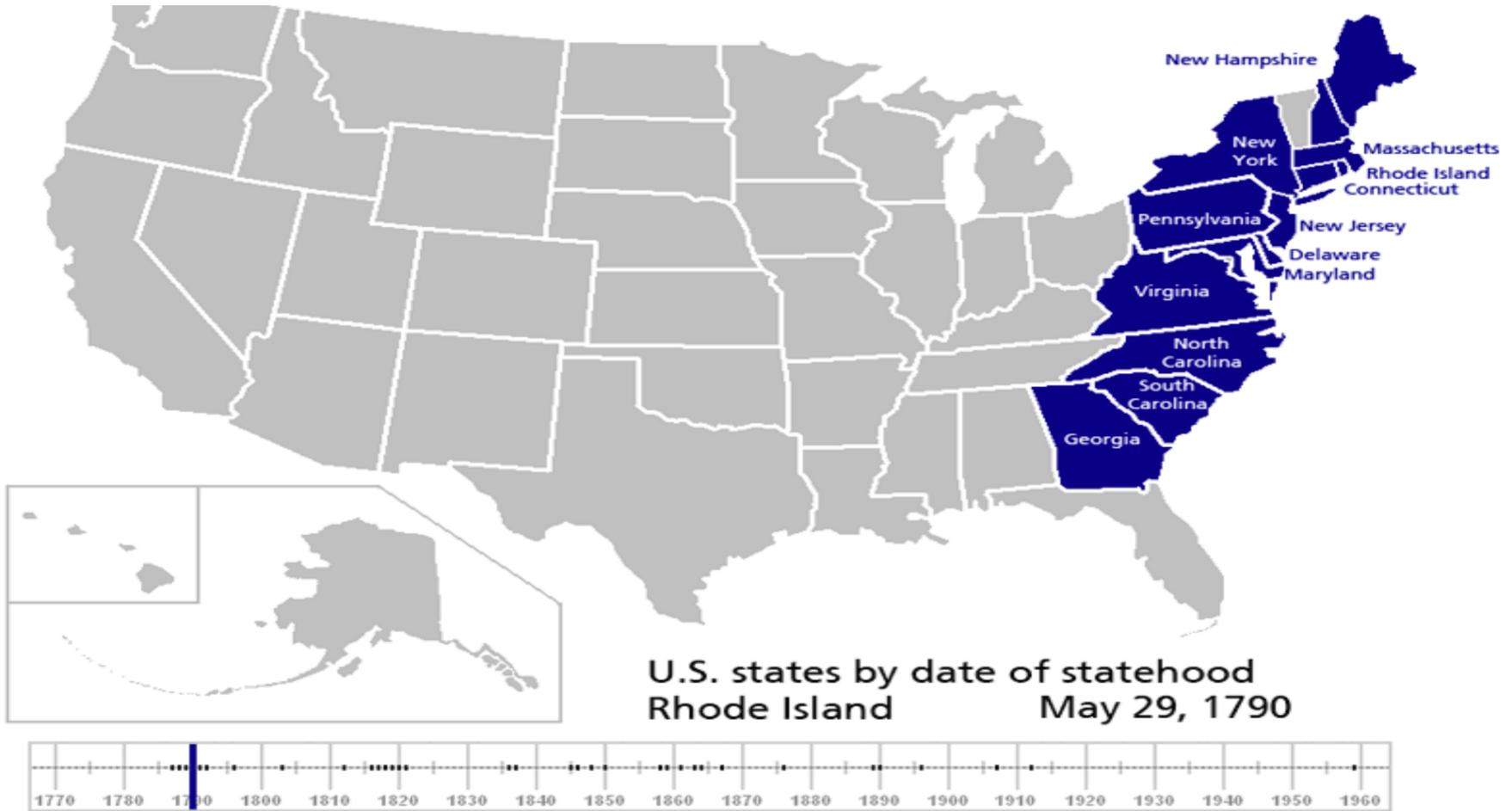
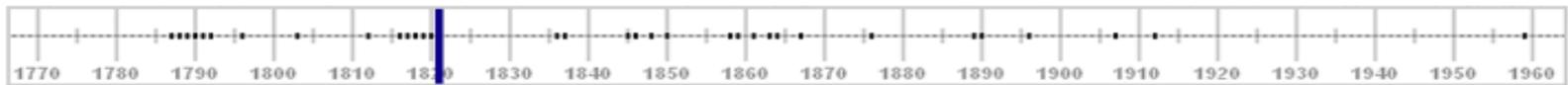
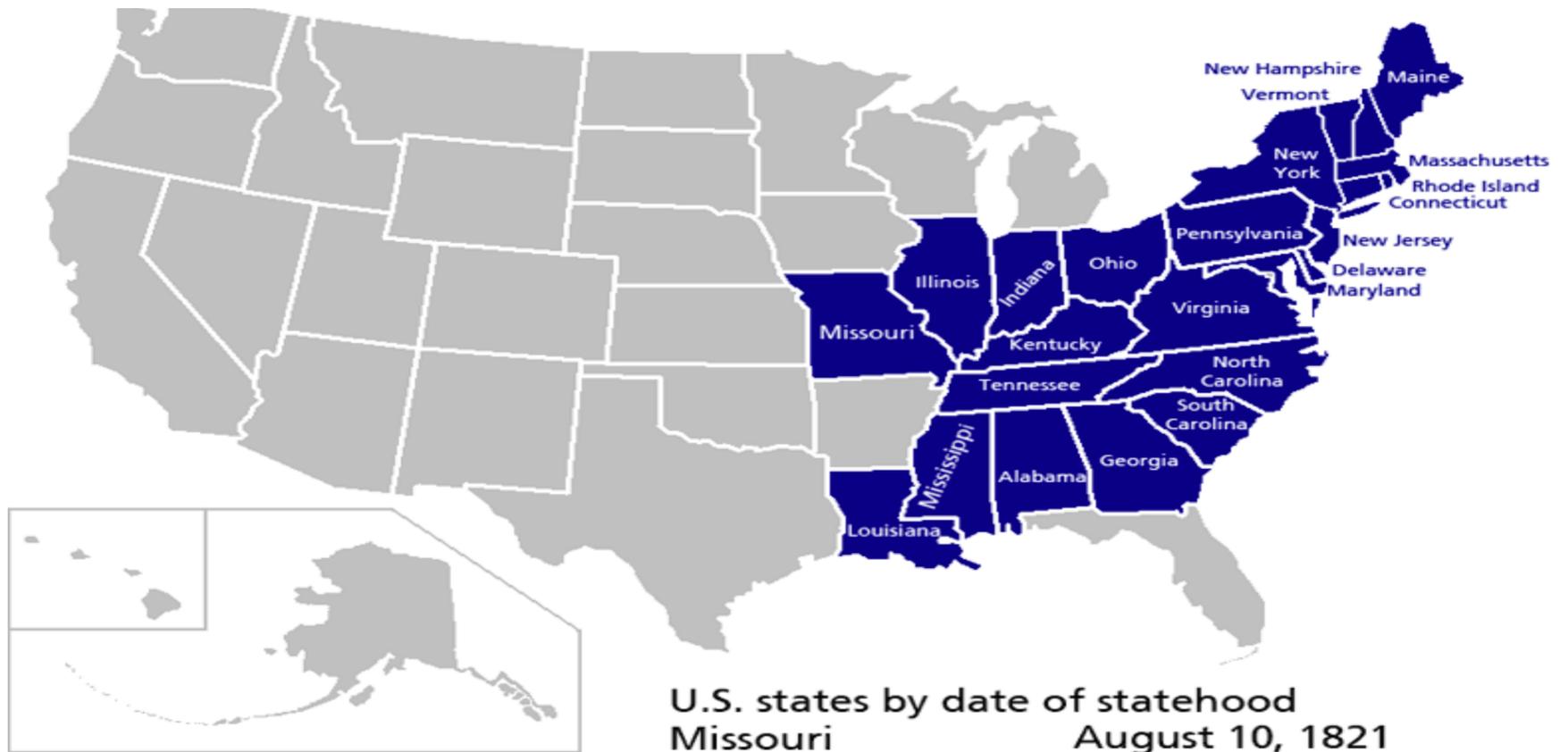


Figure 1. *Activity index of parliaments in Spain, France, and Portugal, twelfth to eighteenth centuries*

A detour in the US





The franchise (voting right) in the US

- Current debate
- **Sokoloff and Engerman:** THE EVOLUTION OF SUFFRAGE INSTITUTIONS IN THE NEW WORLD (2001)
- Tradition is a means test for voting
- In the US:
 - “Also striking is that of the states formed of the originally settled areas, it was those that were sparsely settled and on the fringe (Vermont, New Hampshire, and Georgia) that seem to have taken the lead in doing away with all economic-based qualifications for the franchise.”

SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC-BASED QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUFFRAGE

Original Thirteen Qualification in 1787 or year of entry Qualifications Ended, or Qualif. in 1860

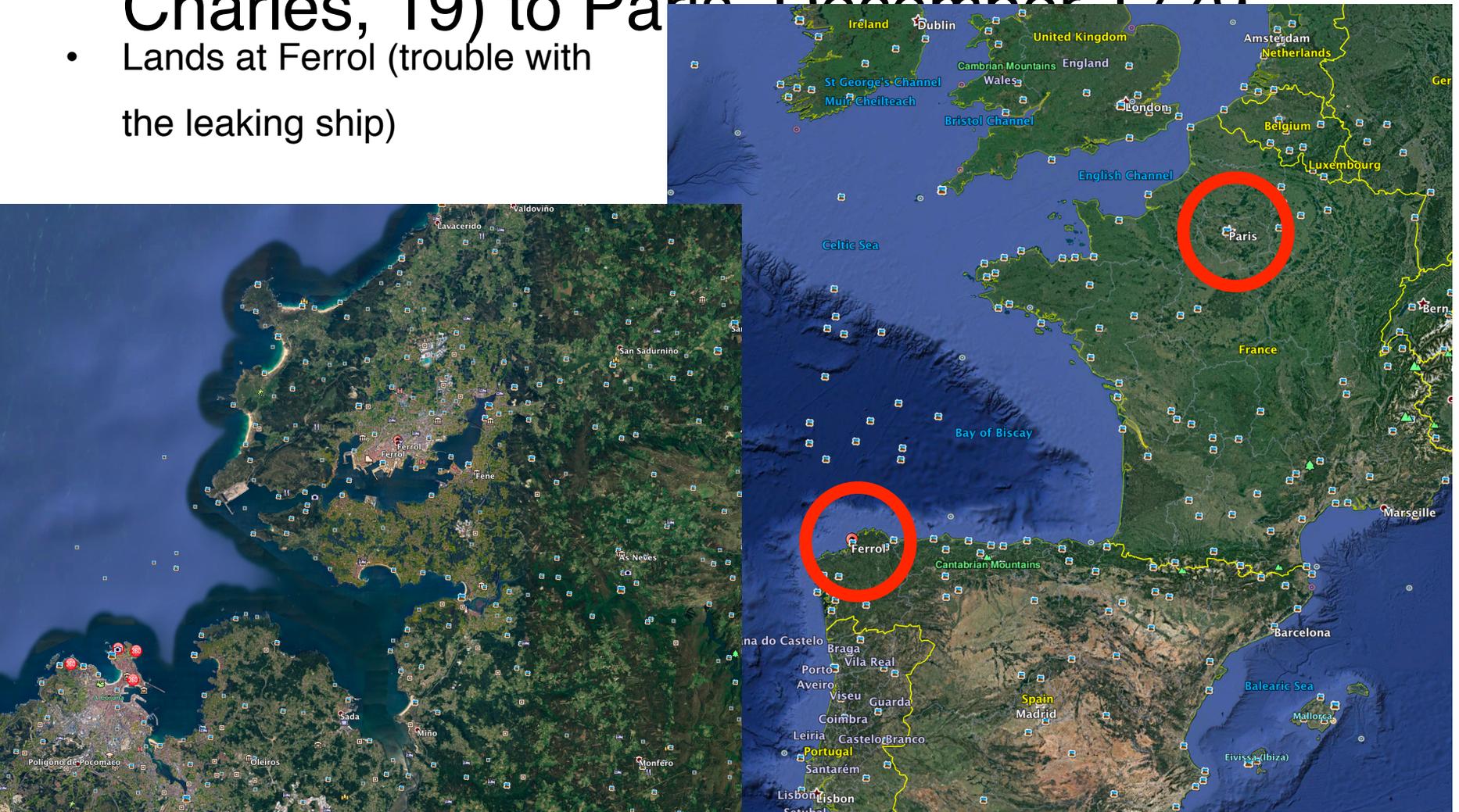
New Hampshire	Tax	1792	
Massachusetts	Property	1821 (prop),	tax req. in 1860
Rhode Island	Property	1842 (prop),	tax req. in 1860
Connecticut	Property	1818 (prop),	1845 (tax)
New York	Property	1821 (prop),	1826 (tax)
New Jersey	Property	1807 (prop),	1844 (tax)
Pennsylvania	Tax		tax req. in 1860
Delaware	Property	1792 (prop),	tax req. in 1860
Maryland	Property	1802	
Virginia	Property	1850	
North Carolina	Property	1856 (prop),	tax req. in 1860
South Carolina	Tax	1810 (tax)	
Georgia	Property	1789 (prop),	1798 (tax)

New States

Vermont	none	(1791)	
Kentucky	none	(1792)	
Tennessee	none	(1796)	
Ohio	Tax	(1803)	1851 (tax)
Louisiana	Tax	(1812)	1845 (tax)
Indiana	none	(1816)	
Mississippi	Tax	(1817)	1832 (tax)
Illinois	none	(1818)	
Maine	none	(1819)	
Alabama	none	(1819)	
Missouri	none	(1820)	

The travel of John Adams

- Travel with his sons (John Quincy, 12, and Charles, 19) to Paris, December 1770
- Lands at Ferrol (trouble with the leaking ship)



- Continued by land to Paris, over Northern Spain



Another day's journey was "almost perpendicular" (David Mc Cullough, p. 230)



Basque country



Letter from John Adams

- In a research like this, after those people in Europe who have had the skill, courage, and fortune, to preserve a voice in the government, Biscay, in Spain, ought by no means to be omitted.
- While their neighbours have long since resigned all their pretensions into the hands of kings and priests, this extraordinary people have preserved their ancient language, genius, laws, government, and manners, without innovation, longer than any other nation of Europe.
- their love of liberty, and unconquerable aversion to a foreign servitude, made them retire, when invaded and overpowered in their ancient feats, into these mountainous countries, called by the ancients Cantabria.
- The whole is a collection of very high and very steep mountains, rugged and rocky to such a degree, that a company of men posted on one of them might defend itself as long as it could subsist, by rolling rocks on their enemy. This natural formation of the country, which has rendered the march of armies impracticable, and the daring spirit of the inhabitants, have preserved their liberty.

- In 1632, indeed, the court laid a duty upon salt: the inhabitants of Bilbao rose, and massacred all the officers appointed to collect it, and all the officers of the grand admiral. Three thousand troops were sent to punish them for rebellion: these they fought, and totally defeated, driving most of them into the sea, which discouraged the court from pursuing their plan of taxation; and since that time the king has had no officer of any kind in the lordship, except his corregidor.
- Although the government is called a democracy, we cannot here find all authority collected into one center; there are, on the contrary, as many distinct governments as there are cities and merindades.

Spain: the “Reconquista”

- Rapid push of the Muslims 711-732
- Gradual and slow process of push back 1000-1492.
- Unique setting:
 - New territories (not totally unlike new territories in N. America)
 - Charters for free peasants
 - Charters for cities: **fueros**
- Later, assemblies for the collection of taxes
 - Cortes
 - Aragon (1188)
 - Representation of the three orders: Church, Nobility, **Cities**

