



There are three ways of running a government, which are kingship, aristocracy, and democracy. We regard the best government as one that partakes of all of these elements. Absolute power rests in no single body.

The consuls are closest to kingship. Our consuls, in addition to leading out the legions, are the masters of administration. In preparations for war, they have all but absolute.

The Senate has control of the treasury and regulates all payments and receipts. They authorize payment for the care of public buildings and they try all crimes.

The people finally, are the court that decides matters of life and death and money. It is the people who bestow offices on the deserving. All citizens serve on the Assembly.