

A Treatise of Monarchy



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'In the midst of the English Revolution Philip Hunton provided a sophisticated theory of the dissolution of government and the right of resistance. Yet he also set out a moderate vision of the shared sovereignty of crown-in-parliament, which ensured his treatise a lasting influence. In this new edition Ian Gardner has richly supported the text by explanatory notes and by a deft and authoritative introduction.'

--Dr. Mark Goldie

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