

could be gained. It is *the very place* where the shoe pinches.

That the Foreign Powers are not likely to agree to this proposal without question is I think indisputable.

XVII. In his concluding remark on the same Fifth Section Mr. Davidson suggests the insertion after the words "against the State" of the words "or the crime of High Treason," adding that "This would include offences against the Emperor and family &c." I confess that if I were asked to mention the names of some crimes against the State, 'High Treason' would probably be the first that would rise to my lips. I may be wrong. But I submit that the words of the Section as it stands

—especially, having regard to the introduction of the words in parenthesis pointing as they do so clearly to the fact that *all public* as opposed to private crimes and offences are meant—are abundantly large to cover every kind of 'crime, effence or penal act' other than those committed against individuals in their individual capacity. I may add that if the new Criminal law, as finally adopted, follows (as I have reason to suppose it does) the French Penal Code in its Distinction of Crimes Public and Private, there can be no possibility of doubt or uncertainty about the matter.

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