

REPUBLIC.

REPUBLIC. A government for the protection of the citizen against the exercise of all unjust power; a government administered by a few, as the representatives of the people and for their benefit;⁷³ an independent sovereign power.⁷⁴ It has been distinguished from a "monarchy" see 58 C.J.S. p 843 note 84.

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REPUBLIC. A commonwealth; that form of government in which the administration of affairs is open to all the citizens. In another sense, it signifies the state, independently of its form of government. 1 Toullier, n. 28, and n. 202, note.

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REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT. A government in the republican form; a government of the people: it is usually put in opposition to a monarchical or aristocratic government.

The fourth section of the fourth article of the constitution directs that "the United States shall guarantee to every state in the Union a republican form of government." The form of government is to be guaranteed, which supposes a form already established; and this is the republican form of government the United States have undertaken to protect. See Story, Const. § 1807.