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## THE SOURCES OF ANGLO-AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE: FROM ANCIENT ROMAN LAW TO FORMATION OF COMMON LAW

Legal doctrine of any state passes a long way of historical development. Government formations occur in certain areas, being subsequently replaced or absorbed by other public entities or cease to exist as a whole. Military expansions have always led to cultural and legal interventions in societies of conquered peoples, i.e. the law of the conqueror extended to the annexed territory. Even if such territories retained their legal autonomy, in any case they fell under the influence of legal traditions of the dominant state. Of course, there was also the opposite effect, which led to the gradual convergence of legal systems, but the degree of impact depended on several factors, including geographical distance of areas.

Thus, the statement that Roman law did not affect the formation of the common law should be considered unfounded. First, the Roman occupation of in English lands in I-IV centuries clearly shows the

influence of Roman culture and rights on Anglo-Saxon society. Second, the spread of Christianity also brought elements of Roman culture, language and even the right to life to Anglo-Saxons. Thirdly, the Norman conquest established a cultural bridge between modern British peninsula and continental Europe though later the bridge was destroyed, during the heyday of Roman law recession in Europe, England was cut off by the Hundred Years War with France and other troubles. We can therefore conclude that Roman law influenced the future of English law both directly (in the period of Roman rule in the British Peninsula) and indirectly (through laws passed on the basis of Roman law in V-XI centuries). Subsequently, the connection was interrupted, English common law started independent and separate development, differences from continental European law only intensified in the course of time.