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“Je suis comme cet antiquaire qui partit de son pays, arriva en Egypte, jeta un coup d’œil sur les pyramides, et s’en retourna.” (I am like that antiquarian who left his country, arrived in Egypt, took one look at the pyramids, and went back home.)

MONTESQUIEU, *The Spirit of Laws*

