

different governmental attitude. Where the Assyrians and Babylonians had ruled by force, compelling people through stark fear to be subject to them, the Persians allowed the conquered peoples to return to their homes, and represented themselves as deliverers ~~from~~ of them from the Assyrian and Babylonian tyranny. Although the Persians worked out an excellent system or organized control in which the power of the Persian ruler was dominant, but the subject peoples felt much more content than had ever been the case under the Babylonians. ~~When~~ During two centuries there were times when a Persian ruler of an area would ~~xxxxx~~ revolt, and it would require force from the central government to compel him to submission, but actual/ popular revolts of large areas were practically unknown. So generally content were the various peoples under Persian domination that when, after Alex<sup>o</sup>'s conquest, his generals fought for 40 years as to which of them would have ~~superior~~ superior power, the local peoples hardly entered into the ~~xxxxxx~~ contest, but seemed to have continued life almost as before, excepting without difficulty accepting without difficulty whichever ruler gained control in their area.