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- That the clergy and nobility contribute to the Third Estate in the construction and maintenance of the roads by paying the royal corvee.
- That the draw for fifths be abolished, that the militiamen, coastguards and sailors are hereinafter by free contract and paid in money. This is the only way to preserve families, which are the most precious and most necessary thing in the nation.
- That stately personal benefits and other rights are paid in cash and that the right to redeem domains redeemable in money and not in personal benefits is recognized.
- May feudal rights be absolutely abolished as hateful and humiliating rights. Our fields are almost bare, the forests have diminished, the lords and landowners totally abandon the plantations. The most effective means of reviving the countryside is to allow all peasants to till, plant trees or sow empty lands at will, reaping the fruit of what they have worked.
- That commoners can be admitted to occupy any civilian or military man, taking into account merit before birth.

French citizens, *Cahiers de doléances* (April 4, 1789)

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