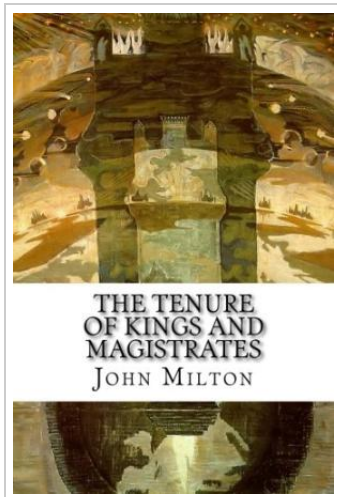




The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates (Paperback)

By Professor John Milton

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