39. *Jupiter and the Camel.*

A Camel perceiving so many other creatures with weapons of defence like the bull, stag goat and lion with horns or claws; complained of the hardship of his case, his great body being so naked and without weapons, presented a petition to Jupiter to bestow upon him horns to protect himself from the attacks of his enemies, or to relieve him in such a manner as might be most expedient. Jupiter could not help smiling at the foolish addreſs of the great silly beast, rejected the petition, and gave him the remonstrance, to be satisfied with what nature had endowed him with, and to acknowledge the preferences which he poſseſsed to many other animals.

Application.

Men are very apt to covet one an other for excellencies they do not poſseſs themselves, and do not consider to have been indemnified by other gifts. Low people often envy great men of their shape or power, and the latter the former for their understanding. God had not the intention of uniting all terrestrial perfections in one species, but distributed them so wisely, that every one of His creatures should enjoy his share of them.

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