62. *The Dog and the Sheep.*

Once upon a time the Dog accused and sued the Sheep, requiring of him to give him back a bushel of corn, which he pretended to have lent him. For the truth of his evidence he appealed to the witnefs of the Wolf, the Kite and the Hawk. These judges found the claim of the Dog but just, and condemned the Sheep to the restitution of the lent goods, as likewise to pay all the charges with interests. The poor Sheep, not knowing the power of resisting to the unjust sentence of his mighty judges, suffered his fleece to be shorn off to satisfy the claims of the Dog.

Application.

Innocence will find but a weak defence against the power and malice of the unworthy. If our accusators are also to be our judges, we must yield to their intrigues, whether guilty or innocent. The notions of right and wrong are then submitted to an arbitrary, paſsionate, and partial proceeding.

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