74. *The Fowler and the Partridge.*

A Partridge seeing himself caught in the net of a Fowler, begged hard for a reprieve, and promised the man, if he would spare his life, and let him go, to decoy all the other Partridges into his net. „The more you now deserve death,“ replied the Fowler; „for he who his such a villain as to offer to betray his friends and companions to save himself, deserves if possible, worse than death.“

Application.

There is scarce any crime more abominable, than betraying one's fellow creatures by treachery and deceit, and plunging them into misfortune and misery, for one's own advantage.