

which the very worst and most degraded state of Christian society can exhibit no parallel.

STANZA XXXV. (fifth line.)

The word *peeled* here signifies *pillaged*, and should properly be written *pilled*, being formed from the French verb *piller*, and being distinguished by lexicographers from *peel*, to decorticate, which is from the French *peler*,—and this, with its kindred words in that language, from the Latin *pellis*, which again is stated to be from the Greek $\phi\epsilon\lambda\lambda\acute{o}\varsigma$, thus bringing us back, as in a circle, to the idea of the bark of a tree. To *skin*, therefore, or to remove the coating of hair or fur, would seem to be the proximate force of the latter (*peel*). From the affinity of the sense of *pilled*, or pillaged, with that of *peeled*, or decorticated, appearing in the *literal* compared with the *metaphorical* sense of the word *strip*, as well as from the confusion in old