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Nil est profecto prestabilius, quam plane intelligi nos ad justitiam esse natos, neque opinione, sed natura constitutum esse jus.

CICERO.

Nothing is more truly certain, or to be more plainly comprehended, than that we have an innate sense of justice, and that law consists in natural right, and not in opinion, precedent, or authority.

*Nec videt interea, qui terminus esse malorum
Possit, nec quæ sunt penarum denique fines.*

LUCRETIUS.

Unknown as yet when misery will cease,
Or suffering change, to happiness and peace.

— *Et ingenuo culpam defigere ludo.*

PETRIUS.

To laugh at follies, and to lash at vice.

DRYDEN.

ABSTRACT OF THE TRIAL OF J. T. BUCKINGHAM,

Concluded from last number.

In reporting Mr Austin's closing speech, as well as the charge to the jury, I shall follow the same plan of merely extracting those parts that have relation to general principles, and omitting all that applies alone to the particular features of this individual case.

After an exordium hinting at the difficulties he experienced, and complimentary to the impartiality of the jury, he said

"He had heard it suggested, with some surprise, that indictments for libel were never to be countenanced; and that they, in fact, partook too much of the Gothic austerity of former times to be countenanced in this era of liberty and refinement. He could not yield to such impressions. Was the