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— *Extrema per illos*

Justicia excedens terris vestigia fecit.

VIRGIL.

Hence it arises that to earth's remotest bound,
Justice hath fled, nor left, but of her name the sound.

Procul, O procul! este profani!

VIRGIL.

Hence, ye profane, nor dare to pry
With listening ear or curious eye,
When lovers court, or doctor's kill, —
Beware the murderous frown, beware the death-fraught pill.

Hos ego versiculos feci; tulit alter honores.

VIRGIL.

'Twas I the verses made; No, no, 'twas I; I say:
So struts in borrow'd plumes each literary jay.

The administration of justice is perhaps the most important of all the functions with which the people have agreed to invest their rulers.— It is indeed the very essence of all governments, for the exterior relations of nations, the acts of diplomacy, and the prerogatives of a monarch in his capacity as the fulminator of war, or the restorer of peace, are only those means which judgment has devised, and experience dictated, to preserve to a nation their own modes of administering justice amongst themselves, uncontrouled by others, and uninfluenced by foreign power or foreign customs; the trust which governments have of the nation's purse, the privileges of office, and of nobility, the prerogatives of the sovereign as the fountain of honour, and the mighty influence of patronage, are nought but appendages and supports to the system which is to insure security, justice and satisfaction, to all who form the body politic; whilst the splen-