

by the accusative with the infinitive when they have a whole clause for their object, as :

Dicunt Socratem fuisse sapientissimum omnium Graecorum. They say that Socrates was the wisest of all the Greeks.
Unam esse spem salutis docent. They show that there is one hope of safety.

Thucydides Themistoclem ait Magnesiae morbo mortuum esse. Thucydides says that Themistocles died at Magnesia of an illness.

Lysander dicebat Lacedaemonem esse honestissimum domicilium senectutis. Lysander used to say that Lacedaemon was the most honourable place for old men to live in.

Scio plerosque ita scripsisse.

I know that most men have written so.

NOTE.—The English language also sometimes employs the objective accusative with the infinitive, as “I know him to be an honest man,” *scio eum honestum esse hominem*; “I wish them to come,” “I allow him to read.” But the subjective accusative with the infinitive cannot be imitated in English.

§ 245. An accusative with the infinitive, like the infinitive alone, may be the subject as well as the object of another verb, as :

Militem pro patria mori (subject) It is honourable for a soldier to die for his country.
honestum est.

Magna laus est unum hominem It is great praise that one man
elaborare (subject) *in ea scientia.* exerts himself in that science.

Par est omnes omnia experiri It is meet that all men should
 (subject). try all things.

Every clause expressed by the accusative with the infinitive, therefore, is either the subject or the object of a verb or of some equivalent expression.

§ 246. The objective accusative with the infinitive is further used after the verbs *jubeo*, *veto*, *patior*, *sino*, *prohibeo*, *impedio*, *cogo*, and *assuefacio*, as :

Eurystheus Herculem leonem Nemeaeum interficere jussit. Eurystheus ordered Hercules to kill the Nemean lion.

Legatos Athenas miserunt qui id fieri vetarent. They sent ambassadors to Athens to forbid the doing of this.

Augures dictatorem prohibuerunt comitia perficere. The Augurs prevented the Dictator from holding the comitia to the end.