

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.

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

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