

do you think, will he act when you shall deliver the kingdom into his hands, who, even now, thinks it reasonable that he should be gratified with my blood?" While he was proceeding in this manner his voice was stopped by a flood of tears. Philip ordered Perseus and Demetrius to withdraw; and, after conferring a short time with his friends, declared that "he could not, from a single hour's discussion, form a definite judgment on the cause between them. This could only be done by a scrutiny into the conduct and manners of both, and a close observation of their words and actions, on all occasions, great and small." From which it appeared clearly to every one that the charge relating to the preceding night was effectually refuted; but that Demetrius was viewed with jealousy, as too closely connected with the Romans.