of a wise and virtuous heart, and therefore blends capacity for general inquiry with fairness of induction.

Having ascertained the moral test, let us next attend to the application of it.

Now the extent of your criminal allegations, is truly serious and alarming; yet the whole bitter= ness of your invective is directed only against the Cardinal Alberoni. We know from the very con stitution of our Spanish Courts, that the venerable Cardinal did not preside as an arbitrary Judge. Putting out of our co nsideration the implied col-? lusion of the Grand Inquest, it is to be observed that a Petty Jury selected under the right of challenge, and solemnly impannelled in the face of God and man, interposed between the Prisoners and the Judge. The sentence pronounced by him. was the inevitable result of their verdict; and therefore what he did in pursuance of it, cannot possibly raise against him a heavier charge, than may upon the same principle and with as much reason be alleged against the executioner. The Judgment was grounded on the verdict; and the verdict was rendered by an undissenting Jury: yet not one syllable do you address to them, who might with greater probability listen to your animadversion and profit by your advice, were they

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