

whom the princes and kings of the earth have committed fornication." "The asylum of heresies and errors, &c., of whom the Holy Spirit prophesied in the Apocalypse:" and amply proves the truth of that proverb, "No greater evil can ever befall a man than being elected Pope." In another place he thus writes of Rome, the Holy City: "Whatever any where you have read or heard of perfidy and fraud, whatever of cruelty and pride, whatever of uncleanness and unbridled lust; lastly, whatever of impiety and abandoned manners exists, or has existed in the whole world, from pole to pole, *ALL THIS you may see here, collected into one mass and heaped up together!*" "I speak not," says he, "of Simony and selling the gifts of the Holy Spirit for money; I speak not of covetousness, the mother of that crime, ~~and~~ which is styled by the Apostle—Idolatry. I speak not of the contrivers of every lust, nor of the procurers who haunt the Papal chambers,"—But I dare not proceed.

Once more, in his tenth Epistle, being then at the Pope's court at Avignon; he says, "Whoever would truly behold it, let him come hither *and view that hell*, which poets of old did but fancy. For here is wanting no horror of imprisonment, no error of palpable darkness, no fatal urns shuffling together the lots and destinies of men: and to conclude, no imperious Minos, no tearing Minotaurus, nor lascivious portraits of damned Venus, are here rare and scarce. All hope of safety lies in gold, the cruel king of the Imperial regions is appeased with gold. The prodigious monsters that attend him are subdued with gold. For gold, the web