

writers between the orthography of the two,—*peel* being, as here in the text from Isaiah, written for *pill*, (which Dr. Johnson censures as incorrect,) and both words being spelt alike *pill* in Minshew's Guide into the Tongues (1634), where no such word as *peel* is found,—it might appear as if the two verbs, if not one and the same, were at least cognate words. But *pilus* and *pilare* afford the root of *piller*, *pill*, and *pillage*, as well as of the verb *poll*, and the nouns *poll* and *poller*; and *pilus* is referred for its origin to $\pi\acute{\iota}\lambda\omicron\varsigma$.

The evidences of an unsettled orthography appear in the spelling of these words in our authorized translation. (Cf. Gen. xxx. 37, 38. Isa. xviii. 2. Ezek. xxix. 18. and Tobit xi. 13.) Were it not for the occurrence of the word *peeled*, in our modern sense, in the text of Ezekiel, the spelling of the two words here in question would seem to have been pre-