

COMMUNIS ERROR FACIT JUS

When learned Judges chance to err,
And find too late they've gone astray,
What remedy can they confer?
How can they wash the stain away?

They coin a phrase to gloss it over,
And solemnly express it thus,
We've gone so far we can't recover,
Communis Error facit jus.

DE MINIMIS NON CURAT LEX

It's true the law is comprehensive,
Its jurisdiction most extensive;
For every wrong beneath the sun
The injured can have justice done;

But—do not stop to reason why,
Be warned in time, and do not try
With trifling things the Court to vex,
De minimis non curat lex.