

land, that if the proposals which they ordered him to make should not be accepted, a death of torture awaited him upon his return.—When Regulus arrived in the suburbs of Rome, it was some time before he would enter the gates of the city. *It is contrary to law, said he, for a foreigner, as I am, to enter within the walls of the city. My misfortunes have made me a slave to the Carthaginians.* The Senate at length assembled, and Regulus made the proposals with which he was charged. The modesty with which he spoke expressed his sense of the low state to which he was fallen. When he had finished, it was with difficulty he could be prevailed upon to remain in the Senate; and only in obedience to the repeated orders of the Conscrip̄t Fathers, that when it came to his turn, as a member of that august assembly, he delivered his own opinion. He spoke against the proposals which the Carthaginians had deputed him to make. The Senate determined to reject them; and now the moment of trial was come for Regulus, and for his country. The *Pontifex*