AN ESSAY ON CRIMES and PUNISHMENTS.

CHAP. I.

Of the Origin of Punishments.

LAWS are the conditions, under which men, naturally independent, united themselves in society. Weary of living in a continual state of war, and of enjoying a liberty, which became of little value, from the uncertainty of its duration, they sacrificed one part of it, to enjoy the rest in peace and security. The sum of all