

constitute a full proof. Upon this principle it was, that poor Calas was condemned to the *wheel*.

C H A P. XXIII.

*The Idea of Reformation.*

**M**AGISTRATES are in themselves so respectable, that the inhabitants of the only country in which they are venal, sincerely pray to be delivered from this custom: they wish that the civilian may by his merit establish that justice, which in his writings he hath so nobly defended. We may then possibly hope to see a regular and uniform system of laws.

SHALL the law of the provinces be always at variance with the law in the capital? Shall a man be right in Brittany, and wrong in Languedoc? Nay, there are as many laws as there are towns; and even in the same parliament, the maxims of  
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