

into an animal of a different form, if it increase beyond proportion not only in quantity, but also in disposition of parts; so also a City consists of parts, some of which may often increase without notice, as the number of Poor in Democracies and Free States. They will also sometimes happen by accident, as at Tarentum, a little after the Medeian war, where so many of the Nobles were killed in a battle by the Japigi, that from a Free State, the Government was turned into a Democracy; and at Argos, where so many of the Citizens were killed by Cleomenes the Spartan, that they were obliged to admit several husbandmen to the Freedom of the State: and at Athens, through the unfortunate event of the war by land, the number of the Nobles were reduced, by their being chosen into the troops in the Lacedæmonian wars. Revolutions also sometimes take place in a Democracy, though seldomer; for where the Poor increase faster than Men of Property, they become Oligarchies or Dynasties. Governments also sometimes alter without Seditions, by a combination of the meaner people; as at Heræa: for which purpose they changed the mode of election from votes to lots, and thus got themselves chosen: and by negligence, as when the Citizens admit those who are not friends to the Constitution into the chief offices of the State, which happened at Orus, when