

itude by the sovereign under all the soft pains, or as
 the offender shall be answerable to his Majesty. For
 inferior Judges may punish those who Contemn or
 obey their Authority; such a Contempt of the Officers
 Supreme Magistrate may be arbitrarily punished. Some
 Crimes got the name of atrocious, whereof the guilt
 is very great. Others are called Statutory Crimes, Aris-
 ing to Criminal Legitimes in the Civil law, which
 are Expressly discharged, or Created and punished by
 Statute, in Contradistinction to Crimes punished by
 Custom only. Other Crimes are termed Royal crimes or pleas
 of the Crown. By the Law of Holland there are four
 of the Crown, Viz. Wilfull Pirr-raising, Rape, Murder, and
 Robbery. Leg. Malcolmi 2 cap. 13 quon. Attac. cap. 76
 Alvar. 2 cap. 14. Sbon de Verb. Signif. Verb. Mithurim
 so called these the Ragnation of these Doll properly
 being to the Kings Judiciary court, the Lords of High
 Chancery do by their Intrinduct power ordinarily Judge
 Crimes. But in England all suits in the Kings Name
 Committed against his Crown and Dignity, Hame
 Honor, or against his Crown and power, with
 de Reg. Angl. lib. 2. cap. 9. Comprehending Treason
 Felony, Misprision of either, and Mayhem, are
 pleas of the Crown. Law Makers also mention
 of occult Crimes, which are either such of their
 Nature, as Hamon Judon Conspiracy, Treason, &c.
 or by Accident, as Murder Committed by Innkeepers
 upon their Guests: in the case of which occult Crimes
 Lawyers Require not so Nice and Exact proof as in
 other cases; tho' mit torture more easily, for Discovery, and
 Contend that who shall appoints a Crime to be pun-
 ished within such a time of prescription, should know
 from the time that the Crime was known, and not
 from the time it was Committed. Some Crimes have
 no particular Names but pass under some very ge-
 neral one, as those of Loafing, Masking, Strolling
 in Holland; and Misdemeanors, praemini, &c.
 peals, Nisances, and Misprision in England, where
 Misprision is Generally Applied to all High Offences

next to those that are Capital, as Misprision of Treason,
 Misprision of Felony
 Crimes and offences may, under two follows be Vari-
 ously Distinguished and placed in Different orders, but
 I shall Range them in what I conceive to be the most
 simple and Natural, by Dividing them, & with Respect
 to the objects they may have Relation to or the parties
 injured, into those more immediately Levied against
 God, and such as Man is more Directly Offended by. 2^d Many
 Crimes may be more particularly Distinguished into
 those Relating to Affairs ^{Law} Courts, and the Execution of Law
 and Justice. 3^d Crimes may be Divided with Respect to
 the Offenders into Civil, Ecclesiastical, and Military
 Crimes. Mean time it is necessary to observe, that there
 are some Crimes of a Complex Nature, which consist
 of Double Characters, and have Relation to more than
 one kind: these shall be Ranged according to what
 I think to be their most Natural Situation.
 According to this order and Method of these Crimes in
 all the Different kind of Crimes, setting so, th^t the Nature,
 their Characters, the Consequences of Murthering, Inquiring after
 those who are guilty of them, and of bringing them to Justice,
 the punishments, proportioned to the quality of the Crime
 or Offense, and others of the like Nature

BOOK 2.

Of Crimes Levied more immediately against
 God.
 Crimes more immediately Levied against God, where
 by Divine Laws Majorly is Committed, are the Murder of God
 felony, Heresy, Apostacy, Witchcraft, perjury, and other
 Open Impious Immortalities, and profaneness

Chap. 1.

Of Atheism.
 Atheism (from the Greek *atheos* th^t God) is Denying the
 Existence of a God or a provi-
 dent, and the want of all Religion