

when treating of this law of the British Government, "That protection and allegiance are reciprocal duties."

But further; to shew that these mutual obligations of protection and allegiance form a part of the fundamental laws of the British constitution, we shall cite many cases solemnly adjudged in the books of law, while there is none to be found of a contrary nature or tendency. In *Calvin's case*, which we are told by the first of lawyers and judges, Lord Coke, was most elaborately, substantially, and judicially argued by the Lord Chancellor and all the judges of England, and in which, we may add, all the authorities on the subject were collected and cited, the bands which tie the sovereign authority and the subject together, with their respective duties to each other, were fully discussed and clearly explained. In this case it was unanimously resolved,

1st, "That the law of nature is *part* of the law of England,

2d, "That the laws of nature are immutable, and cannot be changed.

3d, "That protection and government are due to the subject by the law of nature.

4th, "That the ligeance and obedience of the subject are due by the law of nature.

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5th, "That neither ligeance nor protection is tied to municipal laws, but is due by the laws of nature.

6th, "That ligeance is a true and faithful obedience of the subject due to the sovereign. This ligeance and obedience is the incident inseparable to every subject; for as soon as he is born, he oweth by birthright ligeance and obedience to his sovereign. *Ligeantia est vinculum fidei; et ligeantia est quasi legis ESSENTIA; ligeantia est ligamentum, quasi ligatio mentium, quia sicut ligamentum est connectio articulorum, junctorum, &c.* * As the ligatures or strings do knit together the joints of all the parts of the human body; so doth ligeance join together the sovereign and all his subjects, *QUASI UNO LIGAMINE*†." Glanville, who wrote in the reign of Henry II. lib. 9. c. 4. speaking of the connection which ought to be between the lord and tenant that holdeth

* "Ligeance is the bond or obligation of faith between the sovereign and all the members of civil society; and ligeance is, as it were, the *essence* of the law of union. Ligeance is the ligature which, as it were, ties and binds the minds of the sovereign and subjects together; because, like a band or ligature, it forms the connection, and binds the limbs, joints, muscles, nerves, &c. and the head of the human body together."

† "As in one sacred and inviolable band,"

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