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The ſix and twentieth Dialogue.

A Suit at Law in the Maiors Court before the Judge between a Demandant and his Debtor.

The Judge. Is any Body here, that has there an Action, let him draw nearer.

Rengappaor Demandant. Sir, I have here with me an Obligation for Debts, and when I ask the Debtor for this Money, he has no Mind to pay me. *Judge.* Who is the Man, that has taken Money of your Hands? *Renga.* Sir, Here this Man, *Arumugam.* *Judge.* You, You, *Arumugam*, What is the Matter, that ye won't pay the Money to this Man?

Arumugam or Debtor. Sir, I do not owe one Farthing to this Man. *Judge.* Hola! *Renga*, Do ye hear, what he ſays? *Renga.* I hear it very well, but all what he ſays, is the greateſt Lie of the world. *Judge.* Have you ſome Witneſs at Hand, that he is indebted to you? *Renga.* Yes, Sir, Here I have brought two Witneſses along with me. *Judge.* You, will you bear Witneſs? *The two Witneſses:* Yes, Sir, We both have ſeen with our Eyes, when

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Arumugam wrot and gave to Mr. *Renga* this Note concerning his Debt. *Judge.* How many Year is it, that this Bond was drawn? *The two Witnesses.* Sir, It is just now seven Years past. *Judge.* To what Summ of *Pagodas* does amount this Debt? *The two Witnesses.* Sir, It comes up to the Summ of three hundred *Pagodas.* Very well, do you intend to make good, what you have witness'd? *The two Witnesses.* Sir, If You give us Leave, we will prove it. *Judge.* Hola! You *Arumugam*, do you not owe to *Rengappa* three hundred *Pagodas*? *Arum.* Sir, I do not owe any Thing. I have not taken of his Hand, not so much as a Farthing worth, the Witnesses tell You but Lies. *Judge.* But there is your own Hand-Writing with him; How comes this to pass? *Arum.* That I do not know, Sir, He has drawn a false Note upon me. *Judge.* Be it so, he may be guilty to have put upon you any right or wrong, pray how many Year is it, that this false Obligation was drawn? *Arum.* Sir, As I fancy it is about seven Years ago. *Judge.* That is well, *Rengappen*, the Demandant, the two Witnesses, and You self confess all on one Accord the same Thing; Now I ask You: Are You not in his Debt? *Arum.* No, Sir, no, I am not. *Judge. Arumugam*, tell me the Truth in the Sight of God; Do you not owe three hundred *Pagodas* to this Man? *Arum.* Sir, As I told You before,

I do

I do not owe any Thing. *Judge. Arumugam*, Pray, tell me now in few Words the whole Matter: Did you not borrow three hundred *Pagodas* of *Rengappen* Hand? *Arum.* Sir, I ſpeak the Truth, I have not received one Farthing of *Rengappens* Hand. *Judge.* You, *Rengappen*, This Man denies to have received any Money of your Hand; what is now more to be done? *Reng.* Sir, All what he ſpeakes, is but one Lie; that is true, he has not received of my own Hands, but of my Fathers Hands. *Judge.* Good now! Is it thus, that this *Arumugam* has taken Money up of your Father? *Reng.* Yes, Sir. *Judge.* But did you than never demand this *Arumugam* to pay? *Reng.* Sir, I have demanded him five ſeveral Times. *Judge.* How longe is it, ſince you did demand him? *Reng.* Sir, The ſame Year, as my Father died, I did demand him once. *Judge.* Well, What Anſwer did this *Arumugam* give You then? *Reng.* Sir, As I did demand him, he begun to laugh, ſaying, When the ſame Man comes, who has lent me the Money, and does demand for, I ſhall pay him. *Judge.* You, *Arumugam*, Did you not take up Money upon Intereſt of this Mans Father? *Arumugam.* Sir, I do not owe one Farthing to this *Rengappen.* *Judge.* What do ye mean, will you impoſe upon me too? What is the Thing, I do ask? ſpeak, I ask, if you did not

not borrow ſome Money of *Rengappens* Fathers Hand? *Arum.* Sir, I can't ſay ſo. *Judge.* You *Arumugam*, It is no doubt, You owe to pay. For in the firſt Place, there is your own Hand-Writing; in the ſecond Place, there are two Witneſses. Now though you do reſort to all Means of Shifting, and Shuffling, I aſſure you, you ſhan't come of out my Hands, If you'l pay, what you owe. It is very well; If you won't, I'll lock you up into the Priſon, till you pay the whole Summ. *Arum.* Sir, For what will You take ſo great a Trouble upon Your ſelf? I do owe nothing to this Man, but I'll make him a Preſent of three hundred *Pagodas* for Friendſhips Sake. *Reng.* Sir, He makes ſurely a Mock of me, which I can't ſuffer. *Judge.* You, *Arumugam*, This *Rengappen* does not demand you the three hundred *Pagodas* for Friendſhips Sake, as you ſay, but he demandes his proper Money. *Arumugam.* Is it not all one and the ſame Thing, when he only gets three hundred *Pagodas*? Let them be as a Debt, or as a Preſent made him for Friendſhips Sake? *Judge.* By no means, but you are obliged to pay him the Debt. *Arumugam.* Sir, I can't do this. *Judge.* If you can not, I ſhall make you do this moment. You ſhall ſwear an Oath and confirm therewith, if you have taken this Money upon Uſury or not. *Arum.* As You pleaſe, I will ſwear. *Judge.* You

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