

acquid, autofoils attaind, autofoils convict, formerly acquitted, attainted or convicted, which being specially pleaded, is a bar to a second prosecution for the same offense.

Blackstone.

AUTHENTIC, } *a.* [Fr. *authentique*; It. **AUTHENTICAL,** } *a.* and *Sp. autentico*; Low L. *authenticus*, from the Gr. *authentes*, from *autos*, an author or maker; one who does any thing by his own right; also one who kills himself. The first syllable is from *avros*, which is probably from the root of *author, auditor*; and the sense of self-murderer seems to indicate that the other constituent of the word is from *deus, deino*, to kill, but the primary sense of which is, to strike, to drive or thrust with the hand, &c. In the word before us, the sense is to throw, or to set; hence *authentic* is set, fixed, made or made certain by the author, by one's own self.]

1. Having a genuine original or authority, in opposition to that which is false, fictitious, or counterfeit; being what it purports to be; genuine; true; applied to things; as an *authentic* paper or register.

2. Of approved authority; as an *authentic* writer.

AUTHENTICALLY, *adv.* In an authentic manner; with the requisite or genuine authority. *Brown.*

AUTHENTICNESS, *n.* The quality of being authentic; genuineness; the quality of being of good authority; authenticity. [*The latter word is generally used.*]

Barrow.

AUTHENTICATE, *v. t.* To render authentic; to give authority to, by the proof, attestation, or formalities, required by law, or sufficient to entitle to credit.

The king serves only as a notary to *authenticate* the choice of judges. *Barke.*

AUTHENTICATED, *pp.* Rendered authentic; having received the forms which prove genuineness.

AUTHENTICATING, *pp.* Giving authority by the necessary signature, seal, attestation or other forms.

AUTHENTICATING, *n.* The act of authenticating; the giving of authority by the necessary formalities.

AUTHENTICITY, *n.* Genuineness; the quality of being of genuine original; as the *authenticity* of the scriptures.

AUTHENTICNESS, *n.* Authenticity. [*Rarely used.*]

AUTHOR, *n.* [L. *actor*; Ir. *ughdar*; W. *awdur*; Fr. *auteur*; Sp. *autor*; It. *autore*. The Latin word is from the root of *augeo*, to increase, or cause to enlarge. The primary sense is one who brings or causes to come forth.]

1. One who produces, creates, or brings into being; as, God is the *author* of the Universe.

2. The beginner, former, or first mover of any thing; hence, the efficient cause of a thing. It is appropriately applied to one who composes or writes a book, or original work, and in a more general sense, to one whose occupation is to compose and write books; opposed to compiler or translator.

AUTHOR, *v. t.* To occasion; to effect. [*Not used.*]

AUTHORESS, *n.* A female author.

AUTHORITATIVE, *a.* Having due authority. *Pearson.*

2. Having an air of authority; positive; peremptory. *Wolton.*

AUTHORITATIVELY, *adv.* In an authoritative manner; with a show of authority; with due authority.

AUTHORITATIVENESS, *n.* The quality of being authoritative; an acting by authority; authoritative appearance.

AUTHORITY, *n.* [L. *autoritas*.]

1. Legal power, or a right to command or to act; as the *authority* of a prince over subjects, and of parents over children. Power; rule; sway.

2. The power derived from opinion, respect or esteem; influences of character or office; credit; as the *authority* of age or example, which is submitted to or respected, in some measure, as a law, or rule of action. That which is claimed in justification or support of opinions and measures.

3. Testimony; witness; or the person who testifies; as, the Gospels or the evangelists are our *authorities* for the miracles of Christ.

4. Weight of testimony; credibility; as a historian of no *authority*.

5. Weight of character; respectability; dignity; as a magistrate of great *authority* in the city.

6. Warrant; order; permission.

By what *authority* dost thou these things. Mat. xxi. Acts ix.

7. Precedents, decisions of a court, official declarations, respectable opinions and sayings, also the books that contain them, are called *authorities*, as they influence the opinions of others; and in *law*, the decisions of supreme courts have a binding force upon inferior courts, and are called *authorities*.

8. Government; the persons or the body exercising power or command; as the local *authorities* of the states.

Marshall. 1 Pet. iii.

In *Connecticut*, the justices of the peace are denominated the *civil authority*.

AUTHORIZATION, *n.* The act of giving authority, or legal power; establishment by authority.

AUTHORIZER, *v. t.* [Fr. *autoriser*; Sp. *autorizar*.]

1. To give authority, warrant or legal power to; to give a right to act; to empower; as, to *authorize* commissioners to settle the boundary of the state.

2. To make legal; as, to *authorize* a marriage.

3. To establish by authority, as by opinion, or public opinion; as an *authorized* idiom of language.

4. To give authority, credit or reputation to; as, to *authorize* a report, or opinion.

5. To justify; to support as right. Suppress desires which reason does not *authorize*.

AUTHORIZED, *pp.* Warranted by right; supported by authority; derived from legal or proper authority; having power or authority.

AUTHORIZING, *pp.* Giving authority to, or legal power, credit, or permission.

AUTHORSHIP, *n.* [*author* and *ship*.] The quality or state of being an author.

Shaftesbury.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY, *n.* [Gr. *avros*, and *biography*.]

Biography or memoirs of one's life written by himself. *Walsh.*

AUTOCRASY, *n.* [Gr. *avros*, self, and *kratos*, power, or *kratos*, to govern, to take or hold.]

Independent power; supreme, uncontrolled, unlimited authority or right of governing, in a single person.

AUTOCRAT, } An absolute prince

AUTOCRATOR, } *n.* or sovereign; a ruler or monarch who

holds and exercises the powers of government by inherent right, not subject to restriction; a title assumed by the Emperors of Russia. *Tooke.*

2. This title was sometimes conferred by the Athenians on their ambassadors and generals, when invested with unlimited powers. *Encyc.*

AUTOCRATIC, } Pertaining to au-

AUTOCRATICAL, } *a.* *tyranny*; absolute; holding independent and unlimited powers of government. *Eton.*

AUTOCRATRIX, *n.* A female sovereign, who is independent and absolute; a title given to the Empresses of Russia. *Tooke.*

Auto da fe. [*Port. act of faith.*]

1. In the *Romish* church, a solemn day held by the Inquisition, for the punishment of heretics, and the absolution of the innocent accused. Span. *Auto de fe.* *Encyc.*

2. A sentence given by the Inquisition, and read to a criminal, or heretic, on the scaffold, just before he is executed. *Sp. Dict.*

3. The session of the court of inquisition.

AUTOGRAPH, } *n.* [Gr. *avros*, self, and

AUTOGRAPHY, } *γραφω*, writing.] A person's own hand writing; an original manuscript.

AUTOGRAPHIC, } Pertaining to an

AUTOGRAPHICAL, } *a.* *autograph*, or one's own hand writing.

AUTOMALITE, *n.* A mineral called by Haüy, *spinelle zincifere*. It is classed with the spinel ruby. It occurs imbedded in talcky slate; the color, a dark green. It is crystallized in regular octahedrons, or in tetrahedrons with truncated angles. It is harder than quartz, but not so hard as spinel. It is sometimes called *gahnite*, from Gahn, its discoverer. *Cyc.* *Thomson.* *Cleveland.*

AUTOMATH, *n.* [Gr. *avros*, and *mathema*, to learn.] One who is self taught. *Young.*

AUTOMATIC, } *a.* Belonging to an au-

AUTOMATICAL, } *a.* *tomaton*; having the power of moving itself; mechanical. *Johnson.* *Stewart.*

2. Not voluntary; not depending on the will. Dr. Hartley has demonstrated that all our motions are originally *automatic*, and generally produced by the action of tangible things on the muscular fiber.

AUTOMATON, *n.* [Gr. *avtomatos*; *avros*, self, and *mao*, *moveo*, *motus*. The Greek plural, *automata*, is sometimes used; but the regular English plural, *automatons*, is preferable.]

A self-moving machine, or one which moves by invisible springs.

AUTOMATOUS, *a.* Having in itself the power of motion. *Brown.*

AUTONOMOUS, *a.* [*Infra.*] Independent