

VOTE, *v. t.* To express or signify the mind, will or preference, in electing men to office, or in passing laws, regulations and the like, or in deciding on any proposition in which one has an interest with others. In elections, men are bound to vote for the best men to fill offices, according to their best knowledge and belief.

To vote for a duelist, is to assist in the prostration of justice, and indirectly to encourage the crime. *L. Beecher.*

VOTE, *v. t.* To choose by suffrage; to elect by some expression of will; as, the citizens voted their candidate into office with little opposition.

2. To enact or establish by vote or some expression of will. The legislature voted the resolution unanimously.

3. To grant by vote or expression of will. Parliament voted them a hundred thousand pounds. *Swift.*

VOTED, *pp.* Expressed by vote or suffrage; determined.

VOTER, *n.* One who has a legal right to vote or give his suffrage.

VOTING, *ppr.* Expressing the mind, will or preference in election, or in determining questions proposed; giving a vote or suffrage; electing, deciding, giving or enacting by vote.

VOTIVE, *a.* [Fr. *rotif*; L. *rotivus*, from *rotus*, vowed.]

Given by vow; devoted; as votive offerings. Votive medals, are those on which vows of the people for emperors or empresses are expressed.

Venus, take my votive glass. *Prior.*

VOUCH, *v. t.* [Norm. *voucher*; L. *voco*. See *Voice*.]

1. To call to witness; to obtest. And vouch the silent stars and conscious moon. *Dryden.*

2. To declare; to affirm; to attest; to warrant; to maintain by affirmations. They made him ashamed to vouch the truth of the relation, and afterward to credit it. *Atterbury.*

2. To warrant; to confirm; to establish proof.

The consistency of the discourse—*vouches* it to be worthy of the great apostle. *Locke.*

4. In law, to call into court to warrant and defend, or to make good a warranty of title. He vouches the tenant in tail, who vouches over the common vouchee. *Blackstone.*

VOUCH, *v. i.* To bear witness; to give testimony or full attestation. I cannot vouch for the truth of the report.

He declares he will not believe her, till the elector of Hanover shall vouch for the truth of what she has so solemnly affirmed. *Swift.*

VOUCH, *n.* Warranty; attestation. *Shak.*

VOUCHED, *pp.* Called to witness; affirmed or fully attested; called into court to make good a warranty.

VOUCHEE, *n.* In law, the person who is vouches or called into court to support or make good his warranty of title in the process of common recovery. *Blackstone.*

VOUCHER, *n.* One who gives witness or full attestation to any thing.

The great writers of that age stand up together as vouchers for each other's reputation. *Spectator.*

2. In law, the act of calling in a person to make good his warranty of title.

3. A book, paper or document which serves

to vouch the truth of accounts, or to confirm and establish facts of any kind. The merchant's books are his vouchers for the correctness of his accounts. Notes, bonds, receipts and other writings, are used as vouchers in proving facts.

VOUCHER, *n.* In law, the tenant in a

VOUCHOR, *n.* writ of right; one who calls in another to establish his warranty of title. In common recoveries, there may be a single voucher, or double vouchers. *Blackstone.*

VOUCHING, *ppr.* Calling to witness; attesting by affirmation; calling in to maintain warranty of title.

VOUCHSAFE, *v. t.* [vouch and safe; to vouch or answer for safety.]

1. To permit to be done without danger.

2. To condescend to grant.

Shall I vouchsafe your worship a word or two? *Shak.*

It is not said by the apostle that God vouchsafed to the heathen the means of salvation. *South.*

VOUCHSAFE, *v. i.* To condescend; to deign; to yield. Vouchsafe, illustrious Ormond, to behold What pow'r the charms of beauty had of old. *Dryden.*

VOUCHSAFED, *pp.* Granted in condescension.

VOUCHSAFEMENT, *n.* Grant in condescension; as, God's greatest communicated vouchsafements. *Boyle.*

VOUCHSAFING, *ppr.* Condescending to grant; deigning.

VOW, *n.* [Fr. *vœu*; It. *voto*; L. *votum*, from *rovo*, to vow; probably a contracted word.]

1. A solemn promise made to God, or by a pagan to his deity. The Roman generals when they went to war, sometimes made a vow that they would build a temple to some favorite deity, if he would give them victory. A vow is a promise of something to be given or done hereafter. A person is constituted a religious by taking three vows, of chastity, of poverty, and of obedience. Among the Israelites, the vows of children were not binding, unless ratified by the express or tacit consent of their father. Num. xxx.

2. A solemn promise; as the vows of unchangeable love and fidelity. In a moral and religious sense, vows are promises to God, as they appeal to God to witness their sincerity, and the violation of them is a most heinous offense.

VOW, *v. t.* [Fr. *vouer*; L. *vorco*.] To give, consecrate or dedicate to God by a solemn promise. When Jacob went to Mesopotamia, he vowed to God a tenth of his substance, and his own future devotion to his service. Gen. xxviii.

When thou rovest a vow, defer not to pay it. Eccles. v.

2. To devote. *Spenser.*

VOW, *v. i.* To make vows or solemn promises. He that vows, must be careful to perform.

VOWED, *pp.* Solemnly promised to God; given or consecrated by solemn promise.

VOWEL, *n.* [L. *vocalis*, from *voco*; Fr. *voyelle*; It. *vocale*.]

1. In grammar, a simple sound; a sound uttered by simply opening the mouth or organs; as the sound of a, e, o.

2. The letter or character which represents a simple sound.

VOWEL, *a.* Pertaining to a vowel; vocal.

VOWELED, *a.* Furnished with vowels.

VOWER, *n.* One who makes a vow.

VOW-FELLOW, *n.* [vow and fellow.] One bound by the same vow. [Little used.]

VOWING, *ppr.* Making a vow.

VOYAGE, *n.* [Fr. from *voie*, or the same root, Eng. *way*, Sax. *weg*, *weg*. See *Wag* and *Way*.]

1. A passing by sea or water from one place, port or country to another, especially a passing or journey by water to a distant place or country. Captain L. made more than a hundred voyages to the West Indies. A voyage over lake Superior is like a voyage to Bermuda.

2. The practice of traveling. [Not in use.] *Bacon.*

VOYAGE, *v. i.* To sail or pass by water. *Pope.*

VOYAGE, *v. t.* To travel; to pass over.

1 with pain
Voyag'd th' unreal, vast, unbounded deep. *Milton.*

VOYAGER, *n.* One who sails or passes by sea or water.

A private voyager I pass the main. *Pope.*

VULCANIST. [See *Volcanist*.]

VULCANO. [See *Volcano*.]

VULGAR, *a.* [Fr. *vulgaire*; It. *vulgare*; L. *vulgaris*, from *vulgus*, the common people, that is, the crowd, Eng. *folk*.]

1. Pertaining to the common unlettered people; as vulgar life.

2. Used or practiced by common people; as vulgar sports.

3. Vernacular; national.

It might be more useful to the English reader, to write in our vulgar language. *Fell.*

4. Common; used by all classes of people; as the vulgar version of the Scriptures.

5. Public; as vulgar report.

6. Mean; rustic; rude; low; unrefined; as vulgar minds; vulgar manners.

7. Consisting of common persons.

In reading an account of a battle, we follow the hero with our whole attention, but seldom reflect on the vulgar heaps of slaughter. *Rambler.*

Vulgar fractions, in arithmetic, fractions expressed by a numerator and denominator; thus $\frac{2}{3}$.

VULGAR, *n.* The common people. [It has no plural termination, but has often a plural verb.]

The vulgar imagine the pretender to have been a child imposed on the nation. *Swift.*

VULGARISM, *n.* Grossness of manners; vulgarity. [Little used.]

2. A vulgar phrase or expression. [This is the usual sense of the word.]

VULGARITY, *n.* Mean condition in life; the state of the lower classes of society. *Brown.*

2. Grossness or clownishness of manners or language; as vulgarity of behavior; vulgarity of expression or language. *Dryden.*

VULGARIZE, *v. t.* To make vulgar. *Foster.*

VULGARLY, *adv.* Commonly; in the or-