

to another with a view to permanent residence. *Woodward.*

**COMMINATION**, *n.* [L. *comminatio*; *con* and *minatio*, a threatening, from *minor*, to threaten. See *Menace*.]

1. A threat or threatening; a denunciation of punishment or vengeance.

2. The recital of God's threatenings on stated days; an office in the Liturgy of the Church of England, appointed to be read on Ash Wednesday or on the first day of Lent. *Encyc.*

**COMMINTORY**, *a.* Threatening; denouncing punishment. *B. Jonson.*

**COMMINGLE**, *v. t.* [*con* and *mingle*.] To mix together; to mingle in one mass, or intimately; to blend. [See *Mingle*.] *Shak.*

**COMMINGLE**, *v. i.* To mix or unite together, as different substances. *Bacon.*

**COMMUNUATE**, *v. t.* To grind. [Not used.] [See *Communite*.]

**COMMUNIBLE**, *a.* Reducible to powder. *Brown.*

**COMMUNUTE**, *v. t.* [L. *communio*; *con* and *minuo*, to lessen, from the root of *minor*.] *Ir. mion*, min, fine, small, tender; *W. main*, man; *Ar.* *man*, to diminish. Class Mn. No. 5.]

To make small or fine; to reduce to minute particles, or to a fine powder, by breaking, pounding, rasping, or grinding; to pulverize; to triturate; to levigate. It is chiefly or wholly applied to substances, not liquid. *Bacon.*

**COMMUNUTED**, *pp.* Reduced to fine particles; pulverized; triturated.

**COMMUNUTING**, *ppr.* Reducing to fine particles; pulverizing; levigating.

**COMMUNUTION**, *n.* The act of reducing to a fine powder or to small particles; pulverization. *Roy. Bentley.*

2. Attenuation; as *communion of spirits*. *Bacon.*

**COMMISERABLE**, *a.* [See *Commiserate*.] Deserving of commiseration or pity; pitiable; that may excite sympathy or sorrow.

This commiserable person, Edward. [Little used.] *Bacon.*

**COMMISERATE**, *v. t.* [L. *commiseror*; *con* and *misericor*, to pity. See *Miserable*.]

1. To pity; to compassionate; to feel sorrow, pain or regret for another in distress; applied to persons.

We should commiserate those who groan beneath the weight of age, disease or want. *Dentham.*

2. To regret; to pity; to be sorry for; as, to commiserate our mutual ignorance. *Locke.*

**COMMISERATED**, *pp.* Pitied.

**COMMISERATING**, *ppr.* Pitying; compassionating; feeling sorrow for.

**COMMISERATION**, *n.* Pity; compassion; a sympathetic suffering of pain or sorrow for the wants, afflictions or distresses of another.

I cannot think of these poor deluded creatures, but with commiseration.

**COMMISERATIVELY**, *adv.* From compassion. *Oberbury.*

**COMMISERATOR**, *n.* One who pities. *Brown.*

**COMMISSARIAL**, *a.* [See *Commissary*.] Pertaining to a commissary.

Smollett uses *commissarial*; but this is not regular nor authorized.

**COMMISSARIATE**, *n.* [Sp. *comisariato*. See *Commissary*.]

The office or employment of a commissary; or the whole body of officers in the commissary's department.

*Tooke, Russ. i. 575.*

**COMMISSARY**, *n.* [Fr. *commissaire*; *li.* and Port. *commissario*; Sp. *comisario*; Low L. *commissarius*; from *commissus*, *committo*; *con* and *mitto*, to send.]

1. In a general sense, a commissioner; one to whom is committed some charge, duty or office, by a superior power; one who is sent or delegated to execute some office or duty, in the place, or as the representative, of his superior.

2. In ecclesiastical law, an officer of the bishop, who exercises spiritual jurisdiction in places of the diocese, so far distant from the episcopal see, that the chancellor cannot call the people to the bishop's principal consistory court, without putting them to inconvenience. *Ayliffe. Encyc.*

3. In a military sense, an officer who has the charge of furnishing provisions, clothing, &c., for an army. Commissaries are distinguished by different names, according to their duties; as *commissary-general*, who is at the head of the department of supplies, and has under him *deputy commissaries*, and *issuing commissaries*; the latter to issue or distribute the supplies.

4. An officer who musters the army, receives and inspects the muster-rolls, and keeps an account of the strength of the army. He is called, the *commissary-general of musters*. The *commissary of horses* has the inspection of the artillery horses; and the *commissary of stores* has charge of all the stores of the artillery. *Encyc.*

**COMMISSARYSHIP**, *n.* The office of a commissary. *Ayliffe.*

**COMMISSION**, *n.* [Fr. *commission*; *li.* *commissio*; Sp. *comision*; L. *commissio*, with a different application, from *committo*; *con* and *mitto*, to send.]

1. The act of committing, doing, performing, or perpetrating; as the *commission* of a crime.

2. The act of committing or sending to; the act of entrusting, as a charge or duty. Hence,

3. The thing committed, entrusted or delivered; letters patent, or any writing from proper authority, given to a person as his warrant for exercising certain powers, or the performance of any duty, whether civil, ecclesiastical, or military. Hence,

4. Charge; order; mandate; authority given.

He bore his great commission in his book. *Dryden.*

5. By a *metonymy*, a number of persons joined in an office or trust.

6. The state of that which is entrusted, as the great seal was put into *commission*; or the state of being authorized to act or perform service, as a ship is put into *commission*.

7. In commerce, the state of acting under authority in the purchase and sale of goods for another. To trade or do business on

*commission*, is to buy or sell for another by his authority. Hence,

8. The allowance made to a factor or commission-merchant for transacting business, which is a certain rate per cent. of the value of the goods bought or sold.

**Commission of bankruptcy**, is a commission issuing from the Chancellor in Great Britain, and in other countries, from some proper authority, appointing and empowering certain persons to examine into the facts relative to an alleged bankruptcy, and to secure the bankrupt's lands and effects for the creditors.

**Commission of lunacy**, is a commission issuing from the court of chancery, to authorize an inquiry whether a person is a lunatic or not.

**Commission-officer**, in the army or navy, is an officer who has a commission, in distinction from subaltern officers.

**COMMISSION-MERCHANT**, *n.* A merchant who transacts business as the agent of other men, in buying and selling, and receives a rate per cent. as his commission or reward.

**COMMISSION**, *v. t.* To give a commission to; to empower or authorize by commission. The president and senate appoint, but the president *commissions*.

*United States.*

2. To send with a mandate or authority.

—A chosen band

He first commissions to the Latian land. *Dryden.*

3. To authorize or empower.

Note. *Commissate*, in a like sense, has been used, but rarely.

**COMMISSIONAL**, *a.* Appointed by **COMMISSIONARY**, *a.* warrant. [Little used.]

**COMMISSIONED**, *pp.* Furnished with a commission; empowered; authorized.

**COMMISSIONER**, *n.* A person who has a commission or warrant from proper authority, to perform some office, or execute some business, for the person or government which employs him, and gives him authority; as *commissioners* for settling the bounds of a state, or for adjusting claims.

**COMMISSIONING**, *ppr.* Giving a commission to; furnishing with a warrant; empowering by letters patent or other writing; authorizing.

**COMMISSURE**, *n.* [L. *commissura*, from *committo*, *commissus*; literally, a sending or thrusting together.]

1. A joint, seam or closure; the place where two bodies or parts of a body meet and unite; an interstice or cleft between particles or parts, as between plates or lamellae.

2. In architecture, the joint of two stones, or application of the surface of one to that of another. *Encyc.*

3. In anatomy, a suture of the cranium or skull; articulation; the corners of the lips. Also, certain parts in the ventricles of the brain, uniting the two hemispheres. *Coxe.*

**COMMIT**, *v. t.* [L. *committo*, to send to, or trust together; *con* and *mitto*, to send; Fr. *mettre*, to put, set or lay; *committe*, to commit; *li.* *mittere*, *committere*; *Sp.* *meter*, *cometer*; Port. *meter*, *cometer*.]