

the saying in the same [xx. 81], فَاتَّبَعَهُمْ ۖ فَرَعُونَ, and Pharaoh overtook them with his troops: or almost did so: (Ibn-'Arafah, K:) or this signifies made his troops to follow them; (TA:) the ب, accord. to some, being redundant: (Bd:) or أَتَّبَعَهُ signifies he followed his footsteps; and sought him, following him: (TA:) but اتَّبَعَهُ signifies he went [after them, or followed them,] when they had passed by him; as also تَبِعَهُ. inf. n. تَبِعَ: you say, حَتَّى اتَّبَعْتُهُمْ مَا زِلْتُ أَتَّبَعُهُمْ حَتَّى اتَّبَعْتُهُمْ, i. e. [I ceased not to follow them] until I overtook them: (A'Obeyd:) Fr says that أَتَّبَعُ is better than اتَّبَعُ; for the latter signifies he went behind, or after, him, when the latter person was going along; but when you say, أَتَّبَعْتَهُ, it is as though [you meant that] you followed his footsteps: (TA:) and أَتَّبَعُ فَلَانٌ فَلَانًا [as in the L and TA, but perhaps a mistake for أَتَّبَعُ,] signifies also he followed him, desiring to do evil to him; like as Pharaoh followed Moses: (L, TA:) some say, تَبِعْتُ الشَّيْءَ, inf. n. تَبِيعُ, meaning I went after the thing: and تَبِعَ الشَّيْءَ, inf. n. تَبِعَ and تَبَاعَ, †[he followed the thing] in respect of actions: (L, TA:) you say, تَبِعَ الْإِمَامَ †he followed the Imám [by doing as he did]: (Mṣb:) [but in this last sense, more commonly,] one says, أَتَّبَعَهُ, meaning †he did like as he [another] did: (TA:) and أَتَّبَعُ الْقُرْآنَ †he followed the KURÁN as his guide; did according to what is in it: (TA:) and you say also, تَابَعَهُ عَلَى الْأَمْرِ; (Mṣb;) or تَبَاعَ عَلَى كَذَا, inf. n. مُتَابَعَةٌ and تَبَاعَ; (S;) †[he followed him, or imitated him, in the affair;] (Mṣb;) he followed him, or imitated him, in doing such a thing: (PŞ:) [but this last phrase has another meaning: see 3.] In the saying, لَا يَتَّبِعُ بَنَارٌ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ, [in which the verb may be pass. of تَبِعَ or of أَتَّبَعُ,] or, accord. to one relation, لَا يَتَّبِعُ, each in the pass. form, [Fire shall not be made to follow to the grave, though it may be rendered one shall not follow with fire to the grave, it is said that] the ب is to render the verb transitive. (Mgh.)—تَبِعْتُ الرَّجُلَ بِحَقِّي; and تَبِعْتُهُ, inf. n. مُتَابَعَةٌ [and probably تَبَاعَ also]; and أَتَّبَعْتُهُ; I prosecuted, or sued, the man for my right, or due. (TA.) The saying in the KUR [ii. 173], فَاتَّبَاعُ ۖ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ means [Then] prosecution for the bloodwit [shall be made with lenity]. (TA.)—تَبِعَ, of which the aor., يَتَّبِعُ, occurs in a trad., [see 4,] (Mgh, TA,) pronounced by the relaters of trads. with teshddeed, [يَتَّبِعُ,] (TA,) also signifies †He accepted a reference from his debtor to another for the payment of what was owed to him. (Mgh, TA.)

2. تَتَّبِعُ, inf. n. تَبَعَ اللَّهِ لِلْأَنبِيَاءِ, *May God make a thing to be followed by another thing to such a one*, is said in relation to good and to evil; like سَعَى لَهُ. (TA in art. سَعَى.) = See also 5.

3. تَبَاعٌ [and مُتَابَعَةٌ, the inf. ns. of تَابَعَ,] i. q.

ولاء [The making a consecution, or succession, of one to the other, بَيْنَ أَمْرَيْنِ between two things, or affairs: and the making consecutive, successive, or uninterrupted, in its progressions, or gradations, or the like: see 6]. (S, K.) It is said in a trad., تَابَعُوا بَيْنَ الْحَجِّ وَالْعُمْرَةِ [Make ye a consecution between the حج and the عمره; meaning make ye the performance of the حج and that of the عمره to be consecutive]; (TA;) i. e. when ye perform the حج, then perform ye the عمره; and when ye perform the عمره, then perform ye the حج: or when ye perform either of these, then perform ye after it the other, without any length of time [intervening]: but the former [meaning] is the more obvious. (Marginal note in a copy of the Jāmi'-es-Şagheer of Es-Suyootce.) And you say, تَابِعْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ عَلَى الْخَيْرَاتِ † Make thou us to be followers, or imitators, of them in excellencies. (TA.) And تَابِعِ الْأَغَانِيَّ [He sang songs consecutively, successively, or uninterruptedly]. (S and K in art. جمر.) And تَابِعِ إِسْقَاطَهُ [He made it to fall, fall down, drop, drop down, or tumble down, in consecutive portions or quantities]. (M and K in art. سقط: in the CK أَسْقَاطَهُ.) And تَابِعِ الْفَرَسَ † [The horse prosecuted, or continued, the course, or running, uninterruptedly]. (K voce الْجَرَى †) And هُوَ يَتَابِعُ الْحَدِيثَ † He carries on the narrative, or discourse, by consecutive progressions, or uninterruptedly: or, as Z says, pursues it, or carries it on, well. (TA.) [See also a similar phrase in what here follows.]— تَابِعِ الْقَوْسَ † He pared, or trimmed, the bow well, giving to each part thereof what was its due. (K, TA.) Skr says that the phrase تَوْبَعُ بَرِيئًا, used by Aboo-Kebeer El-Hudhalee in describing a bow, means The paring, or trimming, of which has been executed with uniformity, part after part. (TA.)—Hence, (TA,) the saying of Abu-l-Wākid El-Leythee, (S, TA,) in a trad., (S,) تَابَعْنَا الْأَعْمَالَ فَلَمْ نَجِدْ شَيْئًا أَتْلَعْ فِي طَلَبِ الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الزُّهْدِ فِي الدُّنْيَا (S, TA) † We have practised works with diligence, and acquired a sound knowledge of them, [and we have not found anything more efficacious in the pursuit of the blessings of the world to come than abstinence in respect of the enjoyments of the present world.] (S, \* TA.) You say also, تَابِعْ عَمَلَهُ, meaning † He made his work sound, or free from defect: (Kr, S:) and in like manner, كَلَامَهُ his language, or speech. (Kr.)—[Hence also,] تَابِعِ الْمَرْعَى الْإِبِلَ † The pasture fattened the camels well and thoroughly. (K, TA.)— تَابِعْهُ عَلَى الْأَمْرِ † He aided, assisted, or helped, him to do the thing, or affair. (TA.)—See also 1, where another meaning of the same phrase is mentioned, in the latter half of the paragraph.— تَابَعْتُهُ بِحَقِّي: see 1, near the end of the paragraph.

4. اتبعه: see 1, from the beginning nearly to the end. = Also *He made him to follow*; or to overtake: (S, K:) *he made him to be a follower*: (Mgh, Mṣb:) or *he urged him, or induced him,*

to be a follower. (Mgh.) You say, [making the verb doubly trans.,] أَتَبِعْتَهُمْ غَيْرِي [I made them to follow, or overtake, another, not myself]. (K.) And أَتَبِعْتُهُ الشَّيْءَ [I made him to follow, or overtake, the thing, and he followed it, or overtook it]. (S.) And أَتَبِعْتُ زَيْدًا عَمْرًا I made Zeyd to be a follower of 'Amr: (Mgh, Mṣb:) or I urged, or induced, Zeyd to be a follower of 'Amr. (Mgh.) And أَتَبِعَهُ نَفْسَهُ مُتَحَسِّرًا عَلَى مَا فَاتَ † [He made his mind, or desire, to follow after it, regretting what had passed away]. (TA in art. عَجَزَ.) [See also 10.] It is said in a prov., (TA,) أَتَبِعِ الْفَرَسَ لِحَامَهَا [Make thou its bit and bridle to follow the horse]: or النَّاقَةَ زِمَامَهَا [her nose-rein, the she-camel]: or الدَّلْوُ رِشَانَهَا [its rope, the bucket]: used in bidding to complete a favour, or benefaction: (K, TA:) A'Obeyd says, I think the meaning of the first prov. to be, Thou hast liberally given the horse, and the bit and bridle are a smaller matter; therefore satisfy thou completely the want, seeing that the horse is not without need of the bit and bridle. (TA.)—Hence the trad., مَنْ أَتَبِعَ عَلَى مَلِيٍّ فَلْيَتَّبِعْ Whoso is referred, for the payment of what is owed to him, to a solvent man, let him accept the reference: (Mgh, TA:\*) [see also 1, last meaning:] the verb being made trans. by means of عَلَى because it conveys the meaning of إِحَالَةً. (Mgh.) You say [also], أَتَبِعَ فُلَانٌ بِفُلَانٍ † Such a one was referred, for the payment of what was owed to him, to such a one. (S, TA.) And أَتَبِعَهُ عَلَيْهِ † He referred him, for the payment of what was owed to him, to him. (TA.)—[See also إِنْبَاءٌ, below.]

5. تَتَبَّعَ, inf. n. تَتَبُّعٌ, (Lth, §, Mṣb, \* K,) for which اتَّبَاعٌ is used by El-Ḳuṭāmeṣ, tropically, (§,) or, accord. to Sb, because the same in meaning; (TA;) and تَتَبَّعَ, inf. n. تَتَبُّعٌ, (§, K, \*;) *He pursued it; investigated it; examined it; hunted after it; prosecuted a search after it; made successive, or repeated, endeavours to attain it, to reach it, or to obtain it; or sought it, sought for it, or sought after it, successively, time after time, or repeatedly, or in a leisurely manner, by degrees, gradually, step by step, bit by bit, or one thing after another, (Lth, §, \* Mṣb, K, \* TA,) following after it. (S.)* Hence the saying of Zeyd Ibn-Thābit, respecting the collecting of the Ḳur-ān, فَعَلَقْتُ أَتَتَبَّعُهُ مِنَ اللَّخَافِ وَالْعُصْبِ [And I set myself to seeking to collect it successively, &c., from the thin white stones and the leafless palm-branches upon which it was written]. (TA.) And تَتَبَّعَ الْبِلَادَ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَرْضٍ إِلَى أَرْضٍ [He investigated the countries, going forth from land to land]. (§ and K in art. قَرَى.) And فَلَانٌ يَتَتَبَّعُ أَتَرُ فَلَانٍ [Such a one pursues, &c., the track of such a one]. (TA.) And يَتَتَبَّعُ مَسَاوِي فَلَانٍ [He seeks successively, &c., to discover the vices, faults, or evil qualities or actions, of such a one]. (TA.) And يَتَتَبَّعُ مَدَائِقَ الْأُمُورِ وَنَحْوَ ذَلِكَ [He pursues small, or little, affairs; and the like thereof: or he seeks successively, &c., to obtain a knowledge of the subtilties, niceties, abstrusities, or obscuri-