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**QUANTITY OF THE GREEK PENULTIMA,**

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## PREFACE.

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**MOST** of the treatises, which profess to supply the Student with an adequate knowledge of Greek Quantities, are so imperfect at once and incorrect, that, as far as relates to *them*, no other apology for any new treatise is required than one immediately afforded by a reference to their errors and defects. Instead of being a faithful guide, there is scarcely one which is not calculated to mislead and perplex\*. Since however a

\* The plan of Labbe (we refer to Leedes' Edition) is in itself so unsatisfactory, that even were the present Index not more accurate in its execution than his, it would not have been thought unnecessary. When the Student applies for information as to the quantity of a word, and fails to find it in an Index which professes only to take cognizance of long syllables, he is led to suspect, that the omis-

work has already appeared under the best auspices, which seems as correct and as com-

sion of the word was not intentional and agreeable to the design of the author, but arose from oversight or ignorance. Labbe's Index however is moreover in itself very imperfect; it is often positively incorrect. Among many errors, for example, he makes the penult long in θαμινος, οχυρος, &c. whilst his omissions in a great variety of instances would mislead; e. g. βακια, θηρατος, θρανιτης, σκλητης, ακατος, αμνητος, αιανος, &c. if we observe his direction, must all make the penult short—*κριμα* he makes an example of a general rule, and shortens the penult.

In the Port Royal Greek Grammar, which professes to supply us with general rules, as well as an enumeration of individual words, we find only a tissue of mistakes from beginning to end. There is shewn not only an ignorance of the quantity of words in the detail, but a most confused idea of principles. For example; among their general rules we find such as these.

1. "Alpha penult is long before  $\sigma$  in the future of verbs in *αι*."

2. "Iota is long in the greatest part of the comparatives in *ων*, but their neuter is oftener short."—They make no reference at all to the dialect.

3. "I is long before  $\nu$ ; we must however except nouns of matter, as *δρυινος*, whose feminines, however, make the penult long, as *μολυβδινη*."

In their index we find the penult made long in *φανις*,

plete (with some exceptions) not only as we could have hoped to find it, but perhaps too as the subject requires, it is thought necessary to state, that the only ground on which the present publication was considered desirable was the great cost of the late edition of Morell's Thesaurus. The student who is desirous of pursuing the subject to any considerable extent is referred to that work. The range of the present work is very limited, professing as it does only to take notice of the quantity of the doubtful penultima. Since however in almost every case reference is made to some poet for authority, the quantity of the other syllables in any word may generally be ascertained without much difficulty.

After it had been determined that some rules would be desirable, if not indispensable, in a manual like the present, it was resolved either to give only those which appeared to admit of no exceptions, or at all events to

report; *μισαρος, τρικεφαλος, ερανος, θαμνος, ατιτος, γυνη, ναυνομος, τοιχαρυχος*, with other mistakes equally glaring.