

VII.

THE EMPEROR.



“Dispone domui tue, morieris, enim tu, et non vives.”—
Isaie xxxviii.

Seated on a throne, and attended by his courtiers, he seems to be listening to, or deciding, the complaint of a poor man who is kneeling before him, against his rich oppressor, whom the Emperor, holding the sword of justice, seems to regard with an angry countenance. Behind him Death lays hands upon his crown.