

٤٤٦. وَقَالَ (عليه السلام) لِعَالِبِ بْنِ صَعْصَعَةَ أَبِي الْفَرَزْدَقِ، فِي كَلَامٍ دَارَ بَيْنَهُمَا: مَا فَعَلْتَ إِيَّاكَ الْكَثِيرَةَ؟

446. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said to Ghālib ibn Ṣa'ṣa'ah, the father of al-Farazdaq (the famous Arabic poet) during a conversation between them: What about the large number of your camels?

قال: ذَعَدَعَتْهَا الْحُقُوقُ يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ.

The man replied: They have been swept away by (discharging of) obligations, O' Amīr al-mu'minīn!

فَقَالَ (عليه السلام): ذَاكَ أَحْمَدُ سُبُلَهَا.

Whereupon Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: That is the most praiseworthy way of (losing) them.