Chapter 4. What Case Should It Be?

For each of the following Modern English sentences, try to decide what the case of the word or noun phrase in bold type would be if the sentence were in Old English. For some sentences the answer may not be straightforward: it is more important to be able to articulate the reasons for your choice than to choose correctly. Example:

nom. I am the king.

1. _____ Twelve of our crew were dead by immoderate labour and ill food.
2. _____ The Empire of Blefuscu is an island situated to the north-north-east side of Lilliput.
3. _____ I had his Majesty's permission to step over this wall.
4. _____ Yet I am of opinion this defect ariseth chiefly from a perverse, restive disposition.
5. _____ They preserve decency and civility in the highest degrees.
6. _____ The Maids of Honour often invited Glumdalclitch to their apartments.
7. _____ And, after all, I found their natural smell was much more supportable than when they used perfumes.
8. _____ I stayed but two months with my wife and family.
9. _____ The sentence of putting out your eyes was entered on the books.
10. _____ I was often tempted to seize forty or fifty of the first that came in my reach, and dash them against the ground.
11. _____ He often builds his largest men of war in the woods where the timber grows.
12. _____ The physicians, by the Emperor's order, had mingled a sleepy potion in the hogsheads of wine.
13. _____ As treason begins in the heart, before it appears in overt acts, so he accused you as a traitor on that account.
14. _____ In less than three hours, I was raised and slung into the engine, and there tied fast.
15. _____ With a violent pull, which gave me excessive pain, I a little loosened the strings.
16. _____ I own she came often to my house, but always publicly, nor ever without three more in the coach, who were usually her sister and young daughter.
17. _____ I came up with her between five and six in the evening.
18. _____ He hoped, as he told me, that the knowledge of our conduct might be useful to him.
19. _____ He was pleased to direct his own mare to take all opportunities of instructing me, and every day for two or three hours he was at the same pains himself.
20. _____ I let my shirt down to my waist, and drew up the bottom, fastening it like a girdle about my middle to hide my nakedness.
21. _____ Although I had deprived him of his fleet, yet he owed great obligations to me for many good offices I had done him in making the peace.
22. _____ He had the character of a great miser, and to my misfortune he well deserved it.
23. _____ Every night when the family were gone to bed it was my custom to strip and cover myself with my clothes.
24. _____ He brought me into all company, and made them treat me with civility.
25. _____ One of them, who seemed to be a person of quality, made me a long speech, whereof I understood not one syllable.
26. _____ I then made another sign that I wanted drink.
27. _____ However, the King treated him with tenderness, as a well-meaning man, but of a low
contemptible understanding.