

of the Catholics of this city, to sow discord, and excite dissension, to insult and annoy his fellow Catholics, to interfere with sacrilegious wickedness, with the lawful jurisdiction of his chief Pastor, to deride his authority and that of his clergy, and to hold them up to public contempt. And whereas he has constantly mocked at the sacred rites and festivals of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and turned them into derision, and with impious audacity exhibited in the very house of God, his irreverent, scandalous, and rebellious conduct. And whereas he has publicly exhibited and exposed a defamatory pamphlet, containing gross, offensive, unchristian and calumnious charges against various Catholics of this city, both lay and clerical, and has been convicted by his chief Pastor, on his own admission of shameful hypocrisy and falsehood, touching said act.

"And whereas, from the said Chief Pastor he has received paternal and salutary admonitions touching his soul's health, and the reformation of his morals—all of which he has despised.

"And whereas, in consideration of his family, and in hope of his sincere amendment, his long and wicked course of mischief has been mercifully passed over, without any Ecclesiastical censure; and whereas, notwithstanding, he has on recent public occasions come forward with renewed violence, and endeavoured to rend asunder the seamless garment of Jesus Christ, by resisting His anointed Ministers, and disturbing the peace of His Church, uttering and publishing schismatical sentiments and deliberate calumnies before the whole public, and in the face of this congregation.

"And whereas, for many years past he has openly disobeyed two precepts of our Holy Mother the Church, promulgated in the Fourth General Council of Lateran (Canon Omnis utriusque sexus fidelium.)

"And whereas, he has heretofore solemnly promised and declared before the People, Clergy, and Bishop, in this very Cathedral, that he would never more interfere with Parochial, or Ecclesiastical matters, which promise he lately broke in the most insolent manner.

"And whereas, all methods of charity and forbearance, accompanied by paternal advice, have been hitherto employed in vain, and that the said Samuel Carten ap-

pears to grow more wicked, rebellious, and obdurate every day.

"And whereas, any further connection of one so contumacious, turbulent and scandalous, with the flock of Christ, would be injurious to our Holy Religion, subversive of peace, unity and order in a Congregation so long heretofore distracted by similar causes; these presents are to notify the said Samuel Carten, in a Canonical Admonition, on the part of the Right Rev'd. Father in Christ, William, Bishop of Halifax, that, by virtue of his ordinary powers, he will proceed, by Ecclesiastical censure, to separate the said Samuel from the society of the faithful, and to cut him off from all participation in the Sacraments, Prayers, and Suffrages of the Catholic Church, *unless he retract*, either verbally, or in writing, his principles and give a solemn public assurance, that he will, in future, conform, as an obedient member, to the laws and discipline of the Holy Catholic Church, and never more presume to resist the lawful authority of his Pastors.

"And it is further declared on the part of the said Right Rev. William, Bishop of Halifax, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, that if the said Samuel Carten do not make such verbal or written public retraction, and promise as aforesaid, before the hour of twelve o'clock, at noon, on Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of this present month of April, he, the said Samuel, shall be, and hereby, now for then, is declared to be *at that hour* excommunicated and cut off, as a rotten branch, from the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church, and deprived of all share in the Sacraments and Sacrifice, in the prayers and suffrages of the faithful, and of Christian burial after death.

"And whereas, moreover, any further appearance of the said Samuel in the Church of God, without such Retraction, would be an outrageous insult to Almighty God, to his anointed ministers, and his faithful people, the said Right Rev. William, Bishop of Halifax, *enjoins, directs, and commands* the said Samuel, *not to enter this Church, or any other Church in the Diocese of Halifax without his express permission, or that of his Vicar General, under pain of excommunication, as aforesaid, to be incurred by the very fact of such unlawful and sacrilegious entry; so that if*