

It is trite to observe,—but it should, nevertheless, be carefully remembered by every true friend to our Religious Establishment,—that as Political Liberty, unless it be watchfully guarded, is prone to exceed its just limits, and degenerate into Licentiousness, so Liberality in Religion, which *disregards* that *uniformity* of *plan*, on which the *Church of Christ* was founded,—is generally observed to unite itself with laxity of principle, to plunge into all the uncertainty of doubt, and to merge, at last, in profligate indifference.

Tenderness of disposition,—it may be said,—friendly motives of personal regard, respect for the sentiments, and feelings of others, (and more especially in matters in which conscience is concerned,) indulgence for the errors incident to human weakness,—these, and other like considerations, may, and indeed must, render it more or less painful, to impugn the tenets, and conduct of others ; or even decidedly to defend our own :—Be it so :—but are we therefore to *desert* our *cause* ; and *set aside* our *duty*, as *Ministers of the Church* ?

*We* are, for the most part, the persons attacked. Where is the fold, into which, under the pretence that the appointed Shepherd is not faithful to his trust, unauthorized, and ill-instructed Teachers, do not endeavour to intrude themselves ; calumniating the conduct of the regular Clergy, and tearing asunder, the bonds of union, between the Pastor, and his people ?

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