

of England, Lord Bacon, did. Hume tells us, that he "*rejected, with the most positive disdain, the system of Copernicus.*" The Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, refused also to admit its truth; the Huguenot professor, Ramus, ten years after the death of Galileo, would not embrace the doctrine; and we have already seen how the Theologians of Tubingen decided in the case of Kepler. But, strange to say, writers who assail Rome with all imaginable bitterness, *for her mere precautionary measures*, find excuses, and in some instances justification, for the real persecution of Kepler, and the positive non-belief of Bacon and others. So it is, and so it will be, while certain prejudices prevail of which it would not be worth while here to speak. One thing, however, ought to be observed—Gentlemen, undertaking to instruct the public by lectures, &c., incur no small responsibility, and should remember how many minds they are likely to do injury to by stating what is not true.