

PART I.

ON THE RULE OF FAITH: OR, THE METHOD OF FINDING OUT THE TRUE RELIGION.

"When a man desires to be informed of which Christian Church or Congregation he is to be a member, he ought to consider and see upon what grounds every Christian Church or Congregation proceeds, and upon what grounds they build the security they give to their followers."

Goble's Sincere Christian's Guide.

"When a traveller comes to a place very difficult and dangerous to pass, as over sands, rocks, and so forth, does he not act according to reason, when he takes the best guide and follows him through the dangers of the passage? And when a passenger sails to the Indies, does he not make the best use of his reason, when he permits a skillful pilot to steer and work the ship as he deems best?"—*Ibid*

INTRODUCTION.

LETTER I.

FROM JAMES BROWN, Esq. TO JOHN MILNER, D. D. F. R. S. A.

REVEREND SIR,

New Cottage, near Cressage, Salop,
October 13, 1801.

I should need an ample apology for the liberty I take in thus addressing you, without having the honour of your acquaintance, and still more for the heavy task I am endeavouring to impose upon you, if I did not consider your public character, as a pastor of your religion, and as a writer in defence of it, and likewise your personal character for benevolence, which has been described to me by a gentleman of your communion, Mr. J. C—ne, who is well acquainted with us both. Having mentioned this, I need only add, that I write to you in the name of a society of serious and worthy Christians of different persuasions, to which society I myself belong, who are as desirous as I am to receive satisfaction from you, on certain doubts which your late work, in answer to Dr. Sturges, has suggested to us. (1)

However, in making this request of our society to you, it seems proper, reverend sir, that I should bring you acquainted

(1) *Letters to a Prebendary, in Answer to Reflections on Popery, by the Rev. Dr. Sturges, Prebendary and Chancellor of Winchester.*

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