

"this is the Grace of God, if any Man suffers
 "unjustly for conscience---if doing good you
 "suffer patiently---to this you are called be-
 "cause Christ died for us leaving you an ex-
 "ample to follow his steps, who when he was
 "reviled did not revile, when he suffered did
 "not threaten."

This rule is clearly explained by the invari-
 able practice of the Prophets, the Apostles
 and their immediate disciples the primitive
 Christians: they suffered the most unjust and
 cruel persecutions without resistance not be-
 cause resistance would have been vain, but
 because they thought submission their indispen-
 sable duty: *Saul's* persecution against *David*
 was unjust and ungrateful, twice he was at
David's mercy, in the Cave of Ergaddi, 1.
Book of Kings, Chap. 24, and again when
David and *Abisai* found him sleeping in his
 tent, *David* was advised by his friends to put
 him to death as a declared enemy, who sought
 his life without cause; *David* would not, nor
 would he permit his followers to do it. "Who,"
 said he will stretch out his hand on the
 "Lord's anointed and be innocent? As the
 "Lord liveth, if the Lord himself do not smite
 "him, or if his day do not come and he die,
 "or if he do not descend into Battle and
 "perish---I will not lay my hand on him."
 'Twas neither fear nor want of power, 'twas
 duty restrained him.

The Apostle *St. Andrew* furnishes another
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