

aside, and trampled upon the *spiritual authority of the Church of Scotland altogether.*

If this be obeyed, the Church can do no act at all of a spiritual kind, but just as the Court of Session allows. There is an end of all Church Government and Church Laws. All is yielded up to man's authority. The Civil power may next just as well tell us, who are Ministers, what texts to preach from, and you who are members of the Church, to hear only the Ministers whom they (the Court of Session) approve of, and none else. How would that suit? Ask yourselves.

It is your spiritual benefit and good that the Ministers of the Church are seeking. Did they seek their own, they had only just to do what the Court of Session ordered, and there would be an end of it. But, then, what is now the case of Auchterarder, and of Daviot, and of Marnoch, might be your case in this, or in any other Parish next, and if the Church did, in any of these cases, what the Court of Session ordered, it would come to be the Law in every case. The ministers are putting in peril, their whole worldly goods and comfort, and now their personal liberty, on your account. In doing this they are only doing their duty, according to the word of God, in not counting even their lives dear to them. But you owe a duty to yourselves, and to this cause, *for the cause is your own.* Some will say to you, that the Church of Scotland is rebelling against the Law. No charge can be more untrue than that; though it may be said by some, just from their not understanding the subject, and by others, because they do not wish to understand it.

I shall endeavour, shortly now, to show, that what the Church is doing is not rebellion, or any thing like it.

The Court of Session is set up by Acts of Parliament.