

should ever be for the abolition of the Established Church, then it ought to be abolished.

With regard to what the Hon. Gentleman (Mr. Beaufoy) had said, respecting the multiplying oaths, Mr. Fox declared that he agreed with him, that there were too many oaths imposed by the Statutes in force. What, he asked, could be a greater proof of the indecency resulting from the practice of qualifying by oaths, than if, when a man was seen going to take the Sacrament, it should be asked, "Is this
" man going to make his peace with God, and
" to repent him of his sins?" the answer should be, "No; he is only going there, because he
" has lately received the appointment of First
" Lord of the Treasury." After a great many apposite observations on the Test Act, and the various objections it was liable to, Mr. Fox spoke of the Corporation Act, which he remarked Lord North had declared to have been *forced* from the Legislature as an act of *self-defence*; this was, he said, exactly the description of an Act, which, after the lapse of a century, when the grounds and reasons for passing it no longer existed, ought to be repealed. The Noble Lord had truly stated, that the
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