

derstand, that such Popish neighbours are not to be considered their fellow-citizens.

Attacks of this kind being so very common in this liberal country, I have always treated them with silent contempt. The present one proceeding from a respectable quarter, I thought necessary to notice it; and I expected that a few respectful lines, which I published in a Gazette, would have been sufficient to draw from the Gentleman an apology for his uncharitable expressions. I found myself deceived in my expectation. After having waited in vain from September, until some time in the winter, I made up my mind to send the Gentleman the following *Defence of Catholic Principles*.