A few extracts are subjoined from the writings of Archbishop Usher, Bishop Hall, Jeremy Taylor, Hooker, Barrow, and lastly of Calvin.

Archbishop Usher, quoted by Bingham, (Ant., vol. ix., p. 397):

"To bring the government as near as may be allowed to the practice of the present Presbyteries, according to Archbishop Usher's proposal, the Bishop may call a monthly Synod of all the Pastors in the Diocese: the Bishop and Presbyters concluding all things by common consent, so as the Bishop may retain his authority by having a negative voice, that nothing be concluded without him, and the Presbyters also have their share in the government of the Church, that the Bishop ask the consent of the major part of them; as some Protestant Bishopshave done both in their Consistories and Synods, and as was the practice of the Church in the days of Ignatius."

Bishop Hall, asserting the jurisdiction of Bishops, says, (Works, vol. x., p. 227. Ed. Talboys): "It is the charge laid upon Presbyters by more than one ancient Council or single Father, 'to do nothing at all without the consent of the Bishop.' We have heard it from holy Ignatius and from the Apostolic Canons; we may hear it when we please from the holy martyr Cyprian," &c.; and then he quotes with approbation a Canon of the Council of Antioch: "Let every Bishop have authority of his own See, both to govern it according to the fear of God, which is before his eyes, and to have a provident care of the whole country which is under his city."

Again (p. 334): "Turn over all histories, search the records of all times and places; if ever it can be shewn that any orthodox church in the whole Christian world,