

of Free, which they prefix to the same, our author says it is derived from Frey, which in Poland, whence this socinian confraternity passed about the middle of the last century into England, denotes a brother.

With respect to the influence which this writer supposes Freemasonry to have had on the French Revolution, he remarks that the monster *Egalite*, who was the mainspring of the latter, was also the Grand Master, in France, of the former; that Condorcet, Rochefortault, and other chief officers of the Masonic Order, were the chief architects of the new constitution; that the new division of France into departments, districts, cantons, and circumscriptions, (*arrondissements*), is confessedly the self same, in all its parts, with that of Masonry throughout Europe; that the National Assembly, when they went in a body to the Cathedral of Paris to celebrate the Revolution, soon after it had taken place, were pleased to accept of the highest honour of Masonry, that of passing under the arch of steel (formed by a double row of Brethren who held the points of their swords so as to touch each other). In short he says that the municipal scarf, which is the distinctive mark of the lowest order of French Magistrates; is the self same with that of apprentice Masons; that the President of the Assembly's hat resembles that of a venerable Master in Masonry; and that the obligation of laying aside all marks of distinction, such as stars, garters, ribbonds, crosses, &c. before a Brother is permitted to enter into a Lodge, was not only a prelude, but also was intended as a preparation for that destruction of all ranks in society which has taken place in the country we have been speaking of. I must not forget the marked protection which, our author says; the new Legislature has afforded Freemasonry, at the same time that it has destroyed all other corporations and societies.

I must now briefly detail some of this writer's remarks on the effects which he supposes Freemasonry has produced on moral sentiment and religion throughout France. He contends, that the horrible and sanguinary baths which are taken in the several degrees of Masonry, and which he lays before his readers, the daggers, cross, bones, death's heads, imaginary combats with the murderers of Hiram, and other horrid ceremonies they make use of, have a natural effect to steel the hearts, and have in fact, paved the way for those revolting barbarities, which have indeed been transacted by the enthusiastic multitude, but not until they had been coolly planned by their philosophic leaders; he, moreover, enters upon an exposition of the rabbinical tales concerning the death and burial of Adoniram, and of the meaning of the master's watch word, together with an analysis of the catechism repeated by the Masonic knights of the sun at their initiation; all which, he undertakes to shew, are calculated to undermine christianity;