

fake into *the waste and howling Wilderness*, are now as ready to laugh at that Bible, esteemed by their Fathers the most precious relict of their ruined Fortunes, as at their Ruffs and Collar-bands.

Now, against this outrageous Folly (the sure prognostic of a ruined People) the dearest Charity requires us to oppose all our spiritual endeavours, before we go on upon the great Duty to which we are summoned in my text.

II. And this brings me to the second point I proposed to consider, *Our Mission to the Gentiles*. And here, in entering on the subject, it may not be unuseful to observe the advantages which *Poper*y hath over the *Reformed*, in training up their Labourers to this Harvest. For we should be unjust to ROME not to acknowledge their *zeal* to be equal to that of other Churches, in displaying the Christian Banner throughout the habitable world.

To see their advantages in a true light, we should reflect upon the proper qualifications of one of these *Soldiers of Christ*—What he is disposed to do, and what he is ready to suffer, in this religious warfare, amongst *Heathens*, whether civilized or barbarous—He must have an ardent