

declaration of receiving in particular the doctrine of the Council of Trent ?

A. Because this was the last general council called in opposition to the new doctrines of Luther and Calvin : and therefore, we particularly declare our assent to the decrees of this council as being levelled against these heresies which have been most prevalent in those two last ages.

May the God of unity, peace and truth, by his infinite mercy conduct all christians to unity, peace and truth. *Amen, Amen.*

AN APPENDIX;

IN which are briefly proposed the motives, or rational inducements to the Catholic faith, which according to Dr. Jeremy Taylor, a learned Protestant prelate (*Lib. of proph. sect. 20. p. 249, 250.*) “ may very easily persuade persons of much reason and more piety, to retain that which they know to be the religion of their forefathers, and which had actual possession and seisure of men’s understanding before the opposite profession had a name,” p. 251.

1st, “ I consider, says he, p. 249, that those doctrines that had long continuance and possession in the church, cannot easily be supposed in the present professors to be a design, since they received them from so many ages. Long prescription is a prejudice often so irresistible, that it cannot with any argument be retrenched, as relying upon these grounds, that truth is more ancient than falsehood ; that God would not for so many ages forsake his church, and leave her in an error : that whatsoever is new is not only suspicious but false ; which are suppositions pious and plausible enough.” We have proved them to be not only pious and plausible suppositions, but the plain doctrine of the word of God, *Chap. 1. Sec. 1 and 3.* He adds for other motives :

2. “ The beauty and splendour of their church ; the pompous services ; the stateliness and solemnity of the hierarchy.”