

ment of their rites, and their prejudices. No previous discussion had attacked their principles, or irritated their feelings. The *Bishop of Nova-Scotia's* Charge was not printed till the last sheet of Mr. *Burke's* book was in the press. With respect to the Postscript, which was written in answer to the Charge, in which he treats a respectable Prelate of the established Church with very indecent and improper language;—I shall leave it to the general opinion; and I believe there is but one upon the subject. The common sense of mankind has long since decided, that scurrility is the strongest proof of the weakness of a cause, and that it demonstrates nothing but the illiberality, and the malevolence, of the person, who descends so low as to employ it.

If there is any evil in these Instructions it is likely to become very extensive, for no less than a thousand copies have been printed, and distributed. And they have been ushered into the world by a person who calls himself, by what authority I know not, the *Vicar-General*, and under the pretended sanction of the Catholic *Bishop of Quebec*. Should any well-meaning people have been misled by outward appearances, it is the more necessary that they should be undeceived, and the real drift of the Letter pointed out to them. Under such circumstances, silence would be a desertion of duty.

I propose to consider Mr. *Burke's* Letter under three points of view.—*First*, His observations