

although such doctrines might have been exploded in Great Britain under a Protestant Government they might still be held in Catholic countries, he sent certain queries upon this subject to different Catholic Universities in Flanders, France, Spain and Italy, viz. the Universities of Louvain, Valladolid, Seville, Alcala, Padua and others, and the answers being entirely to his satisfaction, Mr. Pitt was ever after, as was also Mr. Dundas, (afterwards Lord Melville) anxious, and even solicitous, to emancipate the Catholics of Great Britain and Ireland, and put them in possession of their natural rights as subjects.

These great statesmen were men of honour and candour, and when perfectly convinced of the falsehood of the cruel imputations against Catholics, felt it incumbent on them to endeavour to procure them justice; and to mark their sincerity both resigned their situations in the Cabinet in the year 1799, because they could not prevail on his then Majesty Geo. III. to permit Catholic emancipation to be made a Cabinet Question, his Majesty thinking it contrary to his Coronation oath.

In introducing to the notice of our readers the very clear, luminous, and satisfactory reply of the Rev. Mr. Husenbeth to the work which bears the name of the Rev. Joseph Blanco White, we cannot help expressing our surprise, that the production of an individual who admits that he was an Atheist for many years, and an immoral man as well, should have been necessary to counteract the effect of an extract from the work of the pious Bishop of Strasbourg.

Leaving for a moment the authority of the Church out of the question, and taking the scriptural arguments only into account, well might we be satisfied to leave the issue of the controversy to the unbiassed judgment of those, who have read the arguments of the Bishop of Strasbourg, and the remarks of the Archdeacon of Toronto. Although the scurrilous writer in the *Courier* has attempted to assail the Church, and has been profuse in his calumnious vituperation regarding it; although he may hope to annihilate the church of eighteen centuries, that like a second Ark has floated over the waters of persecution; although he may revile the numerous converts to it, and traduce their motives, yet he will find that even with laws, more bloody than Draco ever formed, & carried into execution, for the purpose of extinguishing it in Ireland and Eng-