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Your extracts from the Fathers, *without a single reference*, and probably taken from the late edition of Leslie on the Sacraments, published in this city, have not the merit of making a single discovery entitled to the least attention. You even introduce Jerome as not unfriendly to Episcopacy in his *cool moments*. I shall extract the whole passage from which you give us a garbled quotation, and as the Epistle to Evagrius is of your *own* selecting, I take it for granted it was written by that Father in cool blood. It speaks for itself. "I hear that a certain person has broken out into such folly that he prefers Deacons before Presbyters, that is, before Bishops; for when the Apostle clearly teaches that Presbyters and Bishops were the same, who can endure it that a minister of tables and of windows should proudly exalt himself above those at whose prayers the body and blood of Christ is made? Do you seek for authority? Hear that testimony—" Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus that are at Phillippi, with the Bishops and Deacons." Would you have another example? In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul speaks thus to the Priests of one Church, "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you Bishops, that you govern the Church which He hath purchased with His own blood." And lest any should contend about there being a plurality of Bishops in one Church, hear also another testimony, by which it may most manifestly be proved, that a Bishop and Presbyter are the same,—“ For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain Presbyters in every city, as I have appointed thee. If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, &c. For a Bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God.” And to Timothy,—“ Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.” And Peter, also, in his first Epistle, saith, “ The Presbyters which are among you I exhort, who am also a Presbyter, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed; to rule the flock of Christ, and to inspect it, not
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