

Anecdote of the Rev. John Wesley.

MR. DULEY was one evening taking tea with that eminent artist, Mr. Culy, when he asked him whether he had seen his gallery of busts. MR. DULEY answering in the negative, and expressing a wish to be gratified with a sight of it, Mr. Culy conducted him thither, and after admiring the busts of the several great men of the day, he came to one which particularly attracted his notice, and on inquiring, found it was the likeness of the Rev. John Wesley. "This bust," said Mr. Culy, "struck Lord Shelburne in the same manner it does you; and there is a remarkable fact connected with it, which, as I know you are fond of anecdotes, I will relate to you precisely in the same manner and words that I did to him." On returning to the parlor, Mr. Culy commenced accordingly: "I am a very old man; you must excuse my little failings; and, as I before observed, hear it in the very words I repeated to his Lordship." "My Lord," said I, "perhaps you have heard of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodists." "O yes," he replied; "he — that race of fanatics!" "Well, my Lord, Mr. Wesley had often been urged to have his picture taken; but he always refused, alleging, as a reason, that he thought it nothing but vanity, indeed, so frequently had he been pressed on this point that his friends were reluctantly compelled to give up the idea. One day he called upon me on the business of our Church. I began the old subject of entreating him to allow me to take off his likeness. 'Well,' said I, 'knowing you value money for the means of doing good, if you will grant my request I will engage to give you ten guineas for the first ten minutes that you sit, and for every minute exceeding that time you shall receive a guinea.' 'What,' said Mr. Wesley, 'do I understand you aright, that you will give me ten guineas for having my picture taken?' 'Well, I agree to it.' He then stripped off his coat and lay on the sofa, and in eight minutes I had the most perfect bust I had ever taken. He then washed his face, and I counted to him ten guineas in his hand. 'Well,' said he, turning to his companion, 'I never till now earned money so speedily; but what shall we