

you scarcely ever see two Bishops dissenting from their brethren in a debate. They are ever resigned to the will of the Great Disposer of all things. Twenty-six such men, who would not only act unanimously, but be earnest also in their respective dioceses in preaching up unanimity and true concord to all men, and in recommending the same doctrine to their inferior and subordinate Clergy, might, in my poor apprehension, do a great deal of good in a few years, in these degenerate times; and therefore it is with infinite pleasure that I see an appearance of Piety so encouraged and countenanced at Court, and the spirit of the Great Lord⁽¹⁾ so strongly diffusing itself, by degrees, in this kingdom. We have had nothing like it since the time of Charles the First, excepting a little gleam, of short-lived duration, under Queen Anne. I do not therefore discommend R. M. for labouring in this his vocation, even in the Common Newspapers; as I know that devout Divines say, one should be instant at all times, both in season and out of season, and in all places, in preaching up the healing doctrine of peace, and good will to mankind, and in exhorting all men (to borrow the words of a learned, but subordinate, Judge² at the conclusion of his charges) to fear God and honour the King.

I cannot help remarking, that people are by far too apt, at all times, to believe amiss of great men, and to talk, and even to write at random, to their disadvantage. Not long since, Lord Chief Justice *Pratt* was abused in one of your news-papers, for having approved some illegal General Warrants, which issued whilst he was

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