

your publication. I know not which parts of my title-page have had the greatest share in rousing them to action; whether it is the comprehensive designation "*Church of Scotland, as by Law Established*," or the impudent assumption of such a name as "*Saint Andrews Church*," or the two capital letters *D.D.* No doubt each is to be charged with a certain portion of *inhumanity*, if planting a sting in the bosom of Jealousy can be branded with such an odious name. You have manifested throughout such a malignant eagerness to see me shorn of my beams, that I fear there is too much reason to think you felt a strong wish to wreak your vengeance on the harmless University Degree. Happily, an authority to which you are constrained to bow, placed that beyond the reach of your assaults, but you have gone as far as an *older* man with an *inferior* Degree and from a University *not more* illustrious could decently have gone. What else is implied in the application of your scriptural motto, "Art thou a *Master of Israel* and knowest not these things?" Does it apply to my *age*, or standing in the Church, or pretensions to eminence in the republic of letters? In all these views it is quite inapplicable, and, like old Priam's spear, falls point-*less* to the ground. Why is my name and designation introduced in almost every sentence throughout your composition? And what is meant to be conveyed by the expression, p. 30th, "to intend and do a thing so unbecoming the character of a *Doctor of Divinity*?" You know well that the highest Academical honours give no *new* character to an ordained Clergyman of an Established Church, and that such literary honours are to be valued only when conferred in the most honorable of all possible circumstances.

But, the next crime of which I and the Presbyterians of Saint John are indirectly accused is that of calling our *Meeting House, Saint Andrews Church*. Proh pudor! I suppose you will not allow us to name our own *children* by and by, and that, too, on much less satisfactory grounds than those on which one Clergyman proceeded who refused to christen a child Beelzebub even at the request of its parent; and

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