

an unanswerable argument—but no; he resolved the whole into the divine appointment, and then they **HELD THEIR PEACE,*** and glorified God.

WE have now carefully examined that part of the text which is at present before us. We have seen that the interpretation of it which makes Peter the foundation of the church, not only stands unsupported by any other passage of Scripture, but that it is in fact contradictory to the general tenor of the inspired writings. We have seen, that the interpretation which supposes the truth confessed by Peter, in its reference to Jesus, to be the foundation, is supported by numerous, and express passages of holy writ, and harmonizes with the most perfect concord with the whole word of God. The inference then is undeniable, that this latter interpretation is most certainly true, and that the former is most certainly false.

THE next part of the text which comes before us, relates to the security of the Church.
 “The gates of hell shall not prevail against

* Gr. They were satisfied, quieted, they acquiesced.