

ner to give his rights to *Cæsar*, the ruling Prince. *Matt.* 22 Chap. 21 v. This has been at all times the doctrine taught by the Pastors of the Catholic Church, in regular succession from the Apostles; a part of that deposit of faith which the Apostle *Paul* committed to *Timothy*, ordering him, "to deliver it to faithful men, who would be capable of teaching others," 2 Chap. to *Tim.* v. 1 & 2. this therefore is the doctrine which we are officially obliged to impress on the minds of the People entrusted to our care, and thereby counteract the arts of designing Men, who may suggest that power is frequently abused, that though we may be subject to a proper use of power, the abuse of it does not oblige. We are to inculcate this leading principle, that 'tis not the province of unqualified individuals to inquire whether any act of power be abusive or not; that simple obedience is their indispensable duty if the order be not manifestly against the divine law or the known principles of religion. But what if the ruling power should exact any thing inconsistent with the faith which we profess? To this I reply that in the present state of things the supposition cannot happen, because our most gracious Sovereign extending his paternal cares to all his Subjects, having directed his Parliament, the Supreme Legislature of the Empire, to permit his Subjects of the Roman Catholic Communion to profess the faith of their Ancestors,