

every one who boasts of the name of a Christian. Since such is the imperfect state of human nature, so various the impressions produced by the same object upon different minds, that scarcely two men are of the same way of thinking upon even the most common topics of life, how is it to be expected of the more important? Divisions must prevail as long as man is man. All that human wisdom can do is to render them harmless.

Very different is the tendency of a *Letter of Instructions to the Catholic Missionaries*, lately printed, and circulated, with great industry, throughout this Province. The professed objects of this Letter are extremely laudable; to enforce obedience to the higher powers, to teach the lawfulness of the oath of allegiance, to warn people against the emissaries of discord, and to shew them the wickedness of oaths taken in support of illegal combinations. But, unfortunately, these subjects occupy the smallest space of this publication—the greater part of it is filled with doctrines of a very adverse complexion; with plausible misrepresentations of the tenets of the Romish Church, and a revival of its haughty pretensions; with virulent invectives against all Protestant ministers of every denomination, and with democratical principles, supported by assumptions unfounded in truth.

This Letter was totally without just cause, or provocation. The Catholics were in the quiet possession, and the undisturbed enjoyment