

PREFACE.

THE fundamental principles of Protestantism, are so essentially different from those assumed by Roman Catholics, that it is impossible that any controversy can be usefully carried on betwixt the parties, on any of the minor points of dispute. As in Mathematics, so in Polemic Theology, unless the disputants agree to certain data, they will only irritate each other's feelings, and by losing Christian temper, increase the difficulty of acquaintance with Christian truth. Now as the supremacy of Peter, is by persons professing the Roman Catholic Religion, considered as a fundamental truth, and as this is the point against which Protestants particularly object, a part of the controversy is thus placed before us, to which the attention may be profitably directed.

INDEED, it behoves all persons (but chiefly those whose duty it is to feed their flocks, not with human inventions, but with