

whatever there might be to the propriety of their political scruples, he contrived to have it enquired at second hand, what prospect there might be of speedy success in an application to that quarter, if such application should be formally made. When this was intimated, in such a general manner, to the Scotch Bishops, they knew not well at first what to think of it, as being entirely unacquainted with the character of the person proposed, and not certain whether there might not be some danger in their giving any countenance to such an unexpected application. But when the proposal was more pointedly and pressingly repeated, and assurance given them, by authority which they could rely on, that Dr. Seabury was a clergyman of unblemished reputation and eminent parts, with a full representation at the same time how matters stood concerning him in England, they at last agreed to comply with the application, and contribute what was in their power towards advancing the good work so urgently recommended to their assistance. Upon the welcome notification of this consent, Dr. Seabury came to Scotland, and, on the 14th of November, 1784, being Sunday, was publicly consecrated at Aberdeen, by Bishop Kilgour now *Primus*, Bishop Petrie, and Bishop Skinner.

This charitable act of spiritual function, by which the Episcopal Church of Scotland has the honour of first introducing a resident Protestant Episcopacy into America, was variously talked of when it came to be generally known. Some gave it their countenance in terms of the highest approbation. Others there were, who, though they could not openly, and with any show of principle, condemn it, yet affected to treat it with contempt and ridicule, both in private conversation, and in some of the periodical papers. But whatever sinister interpretations may be put upon our Bishops taking such a part in this business, they are fully satisfied of the purity and uprightness of their own intentions; and while they look back with pleasure to the pious and grateful sentiments of which the clergy of Connecticut on receiving their new Bishop, gave public and unanimous testimony, they will rest themselves on the well-grounded hope of the accomplishment of that affectionate wish, which these clergy expressed, in the overflowing of their hearts on that occasion, "That wherever the American Episcopal Church shall be mentioned in the world, this also, that the Bishops of Scotland have done for her, may be spoken of for a memorial of them."

*Conjectures sur la cause de l'Antipathie naturelle et involontaire que quelques personnes ont pour un chat, une souris, des fleurs, des fruits, &c.*

UN savant, autant respectable par sa vertu que par ses lumières, tombe en faiblesse si, dans l'appartement où il entre, il y a un chat, quoiqu'il ne l'apperçoive pas. Un officier-général, qui avoit donné des preuves de sa bravoure et de la force de son esprit en plusieurs rencontres très-périlleuses, avoit la même antipathie pour un lapin. Une femme philosophe ne pouvoit fixer une araignée, sans que tous ses membres se roidissent. Un gentilhomme de Normandie tomboit en syncope lorsqu'il entroit dans une cham-