

S E R M O N, &c.

First Epistle of St. PETER—2d Chap. and part of the 17th verse.

" Love the Brotherhood ;—Fear God ;—Honor the King."

PLEASANT as the work of the ministry has been, and always is, in all its offices ;—delightful as the assemblies of our fraternal meetings, in the Masonic Order have been, and always ought to be, when assembled as upon the present occasion—yet we must confess, that it is with much diffidence we come forward in the line of our duty, to address an audience so respectful as the present, on a subject which they in general are not so well enlightened, as rightly to understand.

Various are the excitements that prompt to an attendance on the present assemblies.

On the one hand, we behold the Brotherhood, who, professing our Royal Order, come, I trust, with a pious wish, to hear the humane and moral principles of their profession explained and enforced.—On the other, some of our Christian Brethren, from the liberal spirit of charity, think-