

And, is it, indeed, come to this? Have we, or such of the Members of our communion as are guilty in this point—I do trust but very few—it is not the number of adherents, altogether, nor their formidable influence, which gives importance to the movement—it is the fact that any such movement should be made at all, which calls for our animadversion—have we, then, in an unreflecting hour, forgotten, as Christians, the charge which, with a multitude of similar injunctions, proceeds from God, *My son, fear thou the Lord and the King, and meddle not with them that are given to change?** Or have we forgotten, as children of the National Church of England, that “inflexible loyalty”—(my own affirmation of it has been published to the world†)—which is one of the many glories of our Communion? Are we going to repudiate the attachments which we drank, in our very infancy, from her bosom, the sentiments in which we were nursed upon her lap, the principles in which we have been moulded under her training? Are we prepared, on account of some passing difficulty and dissatisfaction in the country, and in some petulant excitement of our spirits, to cut ourselves loose from all the hallowed ties, to break up the cherished associations, to brush aside the honored remembrances, which unite our hearts to the land of our fathers? Are we content, upon some precarious calculation of our temporal interests, to part with our sworn allegiance at a stroke, to barter away all the habits of mind, the tastes, the predilections, the preju-

* The subjoined Extract may be here appropriately given, from my own Circular to the Clergy, of the 12th of May last, issued after the riots at Montreal:—

“I am addressing a party who cannot possibly be otherwise than familiarly aware of the truth of what I say; and, although, in the charge committed to my hands in the Church of God, I have felt called upon to stand forward as I am here doing, I can but echo, my Reverend brother, your own sentiments, I can but anticipate your own purposes, when I inculcate the duty of setting before our people the principles established for the guidance of the subject in such well-known texts as those to which a reference is here furnished:—

Prov. xxiv., 21.

Matt. xxii., 21.

Acts xxiii., 5

Rom. xiii., 1, *et seq.*

Tit. iii., 1.

1 Pet. ii., 13., *et seq.*

2 Pet. ii., 10.

Jude 8.

† In Journals, published in England, by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and in Extracts from them which appear in the *Annals of the Diocese of Quebec*, published by the Rev. E. Hawkins, Secretary of that Society.