

or divine, by which to substantiate his beloved popery. He dare not, and the reason is obvious, because he cannot; no authority could possibly gainsay what we have already advanced, in proving that popery was, and is an innovation upon the ancient religion of our country: and yet unable as they manifestly are to meet one of our arguments, by which we show to the world the novelty and sectarian character of Romanism they continually harp on the old tune—"our's was the first religion," when every library in Christendom is teeming with information to the contrary: and their own bishops, every one of them, know the statement to be utterly false.

On page 433 and 434 of *Led. Ant.*, we have the following testimony in relation to the venerable church of St. John and Saint. Patrick — "As the Church of Ireland was Episcopal, so it was also manifestly independent of any foreign jurisdiction. The controversy about Easter, the Ecclesiastical tonsure, the Three Chapters, afforded the Ecclesiastics an opportunity of protesting against any infringement upon their rights, and of evincing their determination to resist the subjugation of their hierarchy to any extra national power or authority. Several efforts were made at different times to break down that independence, but they always proved unavailing." A tract addressed by Giselbert, bi-