

the decrees of providence ; and for that reason, I presume, has preferred for the present life, as in duty bound, his Master above, to his Master below. One need not, therefore, be an extraordinary Critic to find out the true reading of the Prelate's text, or be at any loss in expounding the doctrine, either exoteric or esoteric, which he holds forth. Some readers, I allow, dissent from my interpretation, form a very different idea of his *Master below*; and will have it, that this Gentleman has a considerable influence over him at present ; however, as theirs is a malignant, unchristian exposition, I shall follow the rule of law ; and, where words are capable of two senses, take them *in mitiori sensu*. But there is no end of selecting particulars from the Reverend Bench, to prove how much, by their actions and discourses, they illustrate *public virtue or piety, and private friendship or gratitude*. In short, they are always for recommending the blessings of concord. It is, I trust, the principle of Piety which makes them concur so cheerfully, and unanimously, for the most part, with all Ministers, observing no worldly distinctions of persons or parties. They live in brotherly love with all Mankind, and worship alone the father of peace ; or, to speak more according to their own emphatical language, the Great peace-maker.⁽¹⁾ And indeed, their conduct is of much force, and must make a strong impression, as it is always accompanied with a decent, holy deportment ; which induces the beholder to consider it as proceeding intirely from the true spirit of the Gospel. And such among the best men is the force of good example, that
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