

Editor, I shall rescue some of these eminent men from the great obscurity in which they at present lie; but in the mean time, I am desirous of calling the attention of your readers to the present situation of the Church which they adorned.

And here I must premise, that it is of great importance to the cause of Episcopacy, to behold a society of well-informed Christians, adhering to its principles under circumstances peculiarly disadvantageous from a deep conviction of their truth. Such a spectacle puts to confusion the assertions of those who have said that this mode of Christian worship could not exist separate from pomp and power, and manifestly proves that without external dignity, splendor, or even protection, it preserves, beyond all others, its primitive purity, and continues from age to age without any variation to keep its adherents fixed in the truth, as it was once delivered to the saints. In such a state of things, the clergy can have no secular views in entering into its ministry; for, their salaries are by no means adequate to their comfortable subsistence; it can therefore only be a desire to be useful, proceeding from the most disinterested motives, that could induce men of learning and talents to devote themselves in such a Church to the service of the Sanctuary.

Let those who pretend that the sister Church established in England, so interesting to its friends, and so important to the constitution, derives her chief support from her connexion with the State—her legal support, her dignity, and splendour, look to Scotland, where the same Church, deprived of all these advantages, maintains in every thing the same principles, and is held together by the force of opinion, and preserved, though in a state of humiliation, by a strong and uniform consent in the doctrine and discipline of the primitive Church. In the Episcopal Church of Scotland, we behold that of England divested of every thing foreign and adventitious, as a society entirely spiritual, and yet maintaining the same constitution, the same worship, faith, and discipline, not by the sanction of laws, statutes, and acts of parliament, but by motives of conscience, and by sanctions which are considered as divine. The present state of the Scotch Episcopal Church is considered prosperous; “the political calamities, in which she was involved, have happily passed away, and the Government of our country has wisely and generously felt that the opposition