

successors of Judas Iscariot ; and, to a demonstration, proves their title to the Apostolic Succession.

But while the State Bishops are thus stall fed upon the plunder of the Revenue, a great multitude of the working Clergy are a kind of serfs under the spiritual Lords—the great Drones,—and can barely maintain a decent appearance in the world.—Sir Robert Peel proved on the occasion referred to, that 3,528 English Benefices yielded only £150 per annum ! or, in other words, that one of the incumbents of the smaller Bishoprics—one of the drones—consumed more upon his lusts, than was given to support 113 working Clergy ; and one of the incumbents of the larger Sees, more than was bestowed upon 173 of the workers, whose parishes number at the same time, a population upon an average, of more than 10,000 souls.

But it may be said, that the successors of Judas spend much of their income in doing good. If this were true, it would not justify this public profligacy. But it is not so. The cellars, &c. of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, reflected the real character and virtues of the Episcopate in all their lustre. The “4,000 gallons of prime Ale” advertised in the catalogue of his effects, in January last—the wines of choicest vintage—the mountain and other kinds of Rum—the cherry Brandy—the Blood Horses—the splendid carriages—the princely furniture—and the heirloom of the Palace, the Billiard Table and its furniture, all tell of the physical mortification ! the holy self sacrifice ! and the spirituality of State Bishops and Archbishops. If any other proof were required, we might refer to the will of Dr Howley as lately proved in the Court of Probate, showing, that his charity not only began at home, but ended there ! This poor Dives had actually accumulated £120,000 of a nett surplus over the tens of thousands spent in a life of luxurious indolence, and *all* this he conveyed to his family at his death, without bequeathing *anything* to any benevolent or charitable object whatever ! John Bright, the Member of the House of Commons for Manchester, stated on the occasion of this discussion, that the two men who had occupied the Sees of York and Canterbury, had actually received during their life-time, no less than *one million, five hundred thousand pounds* ; —that is, supposing each of them had been 35 years in office, they had received on an average \$293 for every day of their official life ! and this was done by men professing to be the true and genuine ministerial followers of the self denying Saviour and his Apostles—and in a country where myriads of the population are pining in the midst of want, and perishing for lack of food ! !

Let any honest man, having any respect for the Divine Testimony, say, whether there is a single feature in all this MONSTROUS HOAX, resembling the system established by the Saviour, and his Apostles. Jesus, although the Son of God, labored with his own hands at the trade of a carpenter—he lived a life, and died a death of self-sacrificing benevolence. He never claimed support for himself or his Apostles from the Civil Government, but declared, that his Kingdom was not of this world. Wherein, we ask, does bloated earthliness resemble the heavenliness and