

Papal envoys, laboured to bring over our British and Irish Bishops to submit to his supremacy, that is, to embrace Popery! You are further to learn that, although Popery is essentially Idolatry, it did not become a schism till the sixteenth century! 'Happy would it be if their (the Catholics) eyes could be opened to the false foundations of a foreign jurisdiction, which led to that most unnational schism of the sixteenth century, and could be induced to repair the evils of their past defection, by returning to the bosom of their Mother Church in England and Ireland!†—But, alas! these 'Catholics separated from their Mother Church, and this separation was **THE GRAND SCHISM** of the sixteenth century.‡—Such, my Lord, are the humorous self-confuting lectures which this good-natured Bishop puts on his Mitre to deliver to us in his *Protestant's Catechism*; and which, besides the amusement they afford us, inform us of what I so much wanted to learn, namely, at what period the Prelate dates the defection of Catholics from the Protestant Church, and the commencement of his *Grand Schism*. It is probable, however, that some difficulties which he met with in bringing the reigns of Queen Mary and Oliver Cromwell in England, as well as that of Francis I. in France, and of Philip II. in Holland, into his system, caused him to give up his promised work on the *Grand Schism*, in despair.

In proof, however, that his Lordship was serious when he published his *Catechism*, he offers different pleas in his *Three Words, and One Word*. He says, in the first place: 'If I taught nothing about God, or Christ, or the commandments, in my *Catechism*, Dr. M. may see these subjects treated in some of my other works,'§ To this I answer, very possibly this may be the case; still, a *Bishop's Catechism*, which contains not a word of Christian doctrine or practice, and which teaches nothing but intolerance and persecution, is an unexampled phenomenon in Christianity.—Besides this, I may say, that I have applied at the shops of all the Bishop's publishers to purchase some of his best publications, and at the shop in the Strand, No. 107, barely to get a sight of them, without success. The Prelate adds, 'There is, at least, one great moral and practical lesson inculcated in the Protestant's Catechism, which Dr. M. has overlooked, though taught by St. Peter himself, namely, submission to the king's entire sovereignty.'||—And does the Right Rev. Author of the Catechism allege this, in proof of his seriousness in composing and publishing it, which, if it means

Catech. P. 24. † Three Words, Advertisem. p. iv
§ Three Words, Advertisem. p. 19.

‡ Ibid. p. 16
|| P. 20.