

could be allowed them without depriving the Established Church of those securities, which, in times of danger, had proved, and might again prove her necessary defence.

Mr. Browne allowed that his honourable Friend (Mr. Beaufoy), who had opened this debate with great ability, had stated a description of persons, many of whom, he said, were of the Church of England, who had no scruple to receive the Sacrament according to the rites of the Church of England, unless they were required to receive it as a qualification for a civil office, which they considered as a prostitution of the most sacred act of our religion. Mr. Browne was very ready to consent to any other Test being substituted, instead of the sacramental one, for their relief, if they would propose a Test equally strong and effectual. He thought this proposition would be highly deserving the attention of the House, not only as giving relief to persons entitled to it, but as removing a just cause of scandal.

When the Question was put from the Chair, the House divided.

Ayes	-	102
Noes	-	122
Majority	-	20

THE END.