

pretend to a like authority, produce *their* Commission :—let them shew something, beyond their own assertion, to prove, that they act *for Him*, by *his authority*.

A spirit of indulgence, and conciliation, is natural, no doubt, to the most amiable minds : but, like many other qualities, it is not only weak, but productive of much mischief, when it is carried to excess. Under a vain imagination, that they are winning men over to be favourably disposed to the Church, such persons unthinkingly throw open a door, through which many are daily seduced to forsake it.

A similar error is that, by which members of our Church are induced to unite themselves, and to form one body, with persons, really hostile to her Ecclesiastical Institutions, (and whose vigilance to take occasion of undermining them never sleeps,) whenever they imagine that they see means of promoting objects, which they suppose likely to advance Religion, generally ; tho' the very same objects, might be as effectually, and more safely, and more wisely promoted, in union with, and under the exclusive conduct, of their own body. They do not consider, how easily, and to what extent, the arms which they thus freely furnish, may be turned against themselves. They do not reflect, that when we act as if we did not ourselves consider