

brawling. Calderwood gives a long account of the dispute between the Court and the Rev. Thomas Hogge of Dysart, as to such matters as the competency of the Commission, his attitude to the Perth Articles, the duty of kneeling at Communion, etc., etc. Mr. Duncan "compeered" at the same diet, but denied the jurisdiction of the Commission, and was forthwith ordered to be imprisoned. On receipt of his sentence, he gave in his admonition or protestation, Wodrow's version of which may be appended here, as a specimen of Duncan's vigorous prose style. It will be found to differ somewhat from that given in Calderwood's seventh volume (p. 377):—

"Seeing I have done nothing in this business whereof I have been accused of you and decreeted against, but have been serving Christ Jesus, my Maister, in rebuking of vice; Therefore in the simplicity and uprightness of heart I protest (seeing you have done me this wrong) at God the righteous Judge his hands, to whom vengeance belongeth and who will repay; and summons you before his dreadful judgment-seat, there to be censured and punished for such unrighteous judgment and dealing, at such a time and in such a manner as His Majestie shall think expedient: And in the meantime, declines this your judgment *simpliciter* now, as of before, and appeals to the ordinary assembly of the Kirk, for the reasons before produced in write. Pity your selves for the Lord's sake: lose not your dear souls (dear indeed to Christ, and should be dear to your selves); lose them not, I beseech you, for Esau his pottage. Remember Balaam, who was casten away by the deceit of the wages of unrighteousness, and forget not how miserably Judas lost him self for ever, for a trifle of money that never did him good. Fy on back and belly that destroyeth the soul! Better be pyned to death for hunger than for a little paultry of the earth to perish for ever, and never to be recovered so long as the days of heaven shall last and years of eternity shall endure. Should ye be burriors (i.e. executioners) to your brethren, the sons and servants of Jesus Christ. This doing is not the doing of the shepherds of the flock of Christ Jesus. If ye will not regard