

right. But to call it rebellion, is just a saying without any meaning at all, or it is said with a very bad meaning, by people who would like to see the Church destroyed, or made the servant of the world. It would no longer be a church of Christ.

If the arm of the Civil Law is to govern and rule the Church in its spiritual duties, it is no longer a CHRISTIAN CHURCH ; it will then have departed from the duty it owes to HIM to whom you and I must give account. Whatever may happen, I leave this testimony with you. Let us all seek the protection and care of the great Shepherd of the flock ; and if enabled to trust in Him, He will bring us out of these difficulties, and cause them all to work for good.

#### APPENDIX .

In order to present something like a complete view of the tyrannical encroachments of the Civil Courts on the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Church of Scotland, and to shew that the Evangelical Clergy were virtually compelled to adopt a course of protest and separation, it is necessary to follow up the preceding statement by a brief notice of the progress of the controversy, subsequent to the year 1840. Let the man who imagines that the unity of the church could have been longer maintained, without a sacrifice of principle and a betrayal of great and sacred rights, attentively weigh the following *admitted facts*. He will thus find that although the troubles of the Church sprung, as has been shown, from the laws affecting the appointment of Ministers, they did not cease there, but decision after decision was passed by the Civil Courts, aiming at the regulation of almost every particular of her internal government,