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*To the Editor of the Christian Recorder.*

SIR,

**T**HE Episcopal Church in Scotland, is in every particular of doctrine, discipline, and worship, similar to the Establishment in England, with the single difference, that it is tolerated, and not the Religion of the State; and this difference gives it a nearer resemblance to the primitive Church of Christ than any other now in existence. From its political attachments, it was for a long time considered an object of suspicion and jealousy by the Government; hence it was forced to endure many severities, which required all its firmness and perseverance to support with magnanimity and forbearance. The Scottish Bishops refused to acknowledge King William, at the revolution in 1688, and therefore, lost that Prince's favour, who was at first more disposed to support them than the Presbyterians.

“The King bids me tell you,” said the Bishop of London to the Bishop of Edinburgh, “that he now knows the state of Scotland much better than he did when he was in Holland; for while there, he was made to believe, that Scotland, generally all over, was Presbyterian; but now he sees that the great body of the nobility and gentry are for Episcopacy; wherefore, he bids me tell you, that if you will undertake to serve him, as he is served here in England, he will take you by the hand, support the Church and order, and throw off the Presbyterians.”