

that of *Parliamentary censure*. It has been deemed a tax which a Government Church may reasonably be expected to pay; in acknowledgment of its special *legislative indulgences*; that the errors of its official agents, more than those of any other Church, should be specially liable to the inquisitions and visitations of the *legislative authorities*. And, in addition to other benefits, to be anticipated from such a kind of union between "Church and State;" the connection affords the Country at large, by the means of their Parliamentary Representatives; an ample opportunity of applying a most salutary correction of certain ecclesiastical evils, which, for the present, may admit of no other remedy.

It will be observed, however, that it is only in relation to one description of offenders, I have invoked the retributive inflictions of the secular power; namely, that of *Ecclesiastical Persecutors*; whether negatively or positively so offending. A truce to all that is past! But I devoutly pray the legislature, to make such a provision, as that, in future, all such foes to the public peace, may be brought forth to the most public notice, and be forthwith adjudged to suffer the condign punishment of universal execration, "*without benefit of clergy*."

(Anecdote of His Most Gracious Majesty, GEORGE THE SECOND; extracted from one of Mr. Wesley's Discourses.)

It was about the same time, that a great man applied personally to His Majesty, begging that he would please to "take a course, to stop these run-about preachers." His Majesty, looking sternly upon him, answered; without ceremony; like a King: "*I tell you, while I sit on the throne, NO MAN SHALL BE PERSECUTED FOR CONSCIENCE SAKE!*"—See SERM. CXI.

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Page 10.—"*Any other Protestant Church.*"

The Editor of the Montreal Gazette; which is understood to be the organ of the Scotch Church, in that part of Lower Canada; in a recent article on the Reserves; affects to doubt the existence of any other Protestant Church, in these Provinces, than the two National ones, of England and Scotland. The words of the learned gentleman are, "*IF THERE BE such a Church!*" A lamentable proof, that high-church arrogance, is not restricted to any one Community of Christian professors. A display, truly, of the unquestionable disposition of the Editor of the Montreal Gazette, to promote *internal union in times of external danger!* The ungracious insult, has received a merited rebuke, from the well-informed Editor of the Christian Guardian, in his paper of the 9th January, 1839.

It would be easy to shew the Editor of the Gazette, that by any legitimate reasoning, with which he could prove the claims of his own Religious Community, to be truly and properly designated a Church; that of Wesleyan Methodism, to the same designation would be equally demonstrated. And, without any intentional disrespect to the former venerable body of Christians, we would add of our own, that we have the means of evincing it, no less than that, Apostolical, in its Principles and Constitution.

The members of our Community, in the Parent Country, fondly prefer the term "*CONNEXION*," as its distinguishing appellation, above that of *Church*: and which expresses that characteristic unity of our Body; "*which is our glory*:" but which, however, in its real and conventional signification, differs not, in the least degree, from that of *CHURCH*. And it might have been concluded; after having

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