

easily understood, that inasmuch as the Church of England had been independent of Rome for some ten Centuries after it had been planted there by apostolic hands in protesting at the Reformation against the jurisdiction of this corrupt church, whose authority over them was human, usurped, and not divine, they did not forsake their church but remained in it, maintaining the liberty and independence that was given them in Christ Jesus, from the beginning. We think that we have proved satisfactorily that our religion came not from Rome at the first, but from Asia, and that therefore we are indebted to the Church of Rome for nothing, and we owe her no allegiance. To obtain the dominion over us 5,000,000 of our people have been wickedly murdered, and her robes are now reeking with the blood of the Saints and Martyrs of Jesus. We owe her nothing but for the shedding of that blood, and Popish France has lately received the first instalment from Protestant Prussia.

We have already proved the independence of both the Irish and the English Churches. We will introduce more testimony from another author to the same effect. "The independence of the Irish Church continued," says Palmer, "from the time of St. Patrick, in the 5th Century, till the 12th Century, when a Papal legate