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“ pastor-like profession, and especially of their boasted
“ reformation,) to seize into their hands, or not unwill-
“ lingly to accept (besides one, sometimes two, or more,
“ of the best livings) collegiate masterships in the Univer-
“ sities, rich lectures in the city, setting sail to all winds
“ that might blow gain into their covetous bosoms: by
“ which means these great rebukers of non-residence,
“ among so many distant cures, were not ashamed to be
“ seen so quickly pluralists and non-residents them-
“ selves, to a fearful condemnation, doubtless, by their
“ own mouths. And yet the main doctrine for which
“ they took such pay, and insisted-upon with more vehe-
“ mence than gospel, was but to tell us in effect, that
“ their doctrine was worth nothing, and the spiritual
“ power of their ministry less available than bodily com-
“ pulsion; persuading the magistrate to use it, as a
“ stronger means to subdue and bring-in conscience,
“ than evangelical persuasion; distrusting the virtue of
“ their own spiritual weapons, which were given them
“ if they be rightly called, with full warrant of suffici-
“ ency to pull-down all thoughts and imaginations
“ that exalt themselves against God. But while they
“ taught compulsion without conviction, (which, not
“ long before, they complained-of, as executed unchris-
“ tianly, against themselves;) these intents are clear to
“ have been no better than antichristian: setting-up a
“ spiritual tyranny by a secular power, to the advancing
“ of their own authority above the magistrate, whom
“ they would have made their executioner, to punish
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