

gy, and to both the universities ; that is in one word, in opposition to the whole clergy of the kingdom, as may be seen in *Dr. Fuller, L. 6. &c. Heylin, p. 284, 286.* How then can it be called the church of England, or any church at all : seeing it was introduced and established only by the authority of mere laymen, in opposition to the church ?

8. Because it is visible to any unprejudiced eye, that there is not so much devotion, zeal or religion amongst Protestants, as there is amongst Catholics. We never hear of any instances of extraordinary sanctity amongst them. The evangelical counsel of voluntary renunciation of the goods and pleasures of this life, is a language which none of them understood : one of the first feasts of their "reformation" was pulling down all houses consecrated to retirement and prayer.

9. Because all kinds of arguments make for the Catholic church, and against Protestants : ours is the church in which all the saints both lived and died. Our religion has been in every age confirmed by innumerable, undoubted miracles : we alone communicants, inherit the chair of Peter, to whom Christ committed the care of his flock, John 21. We alone inherit the name of Catholics, appropriated in the creed, to the true church of Christ. By the ministry of our preachers alone, nations of infidels have in every age, been converted to Christ. In a word, antiquity, perpetual visibility, apostolical succession, and mission : and all others properties of the true church, are visibly on our side.

10. Because even in the judgment of Protestants we must be on the safer side. They allow that our church does not err, in fundamentals, that she is a part at least of the Church of Christ : that we have ordinary mission, succession, and orders from the apostles of Christ : they all allow, that there is salvation in our communion, and consequently that our church wants nothing necessary to salvation. We can allow them nothing of this at all, without doing wrong to truth and our own consciences. We are convinced that they are guilty of a fundamental error in this article of the church, which