

the Church, has now unhappily occurred amongst us. A brother, once beloved, has fallen openly away from Christ, and has published works attacking, as we have seen, the fundamental truths of the Christian faith, which he came out to this land to teach and uphold. I have myself, from the first, entreated him to withhold or withdraw these books, and, when entreaties failed, I warned him what the results must be; he persisted, and the Church, in her highest Court of Convocation at home, condemned his works, and more than forty Bishops urged him to resign his see, as the clergy who were under him also did. When no heed was given to warnings or entreaties, he was presented to me, as Metropolitan of this province, for trial. To that trial every Bishop within reach was summoned to assist in hearing the case. His writings were condemned and he was called upon to retract. He refused, and was deprived. The sentence was not final, he might have appealed to the Patriarch of our Church, the Archbishop of Canterbury; but he declined; he preferred to appeal to the civil power. He asked of it whether the jurisdiction which the Crown sought to give to the Metropolitan, under the exercise of which he had been deprived of a Patent office, had been constitutionally given. That power replied through its highest court of law, that the Crown had no power to confer jurisdiction, or coercive legal authority, either upon the Metropolitan or the Suffragans; that the Letters Patent, affecting to confer this power, were to this extent at least, illegal instruments; that Dr. Colenso is still in legal possession of his title through his Patent, which the Metropolitan had no legal power to cancel; and, possibly, though this is undecided, of his income; that he is a Bishop, however, without a diocese or jurisdiction, there being, in