

house or home, or support, for a wild-goose-chase after something, which some persons, whom they do not so much as know, desire some persons to tell them they are to get from the French, when they are to come over on floating islands, and blow the British fleet, that now ride in triumph through the whole world, out of the seas? In short, how many have thrown off all religion, all fear of God, frequenting neither Church, Mass, nor Meeting; or if they go to the Chapel or the Meeting House, going there only to enter into wicked and savage combinations, and to settle plans for robbing, and plundering, and murdering, as soon as the night comes on; or for training themselves to arms, that they may be the better prepared to spill the blood of their clergy, their landlords, their neighbours, and former acquaintances and friends?

Even amongst those who are not thus changed into savages, and cut-throats, and house-breakers, how many are there who shew every kind of disrespect to God's Ministers and Ordinances? who scarcely ever go to the house of prayer? who spend God's Day in doing more business than on any other day in the week, or in jaunting about, or in getting drunk, though it is expressly ordered, that neither we, nor our servants, nor our cattle, shall work on that day, and that we shall keep it *holy*? Instead of paying to all their dues, how many try to cheat the established clergy of their tithes, and their priests of their little pittance they claim for their support, and the King of his taxes, and buy smuggled goods wherever they can meet with them? By these and many such things, they offend against the laws of God, and the laws of the land. Who is there that always does as he would be done by? that never speaks ill of his neighbour? that never tries to deceive or defraud, or over-reach another? How common are drunkenness, lewdness, gambling, and above all, profane cursing and swearing, and the most shocking oaths, which give no pleasure to any man, and are so abominable before God? How many never thank God for any thing, are never contented, but grumble and complain, even when nothing ails them, and they are not in want? and what makes all the more unpardonable is, that we can none of us pretend that we are uninstructed, or deprived of the means of knowing our duty. We have established among us the most pure and perfect form of christianity, and that which approaches the nearest to the primitive