

in his favor; but these, in the answers given to that publication, have already been fully explained, and been shown not at all to apply to that claim of Papal infallibility, or to give it any countenance whatever, but quite the reverse. In this last work, he has not even attempted to offer any direct Scripture passage on the point, but has rested that claim merely on positive and repeated but altogether unsupported assertions. Here are some of them: Referring to the traditions of the "Catholic Church," he states them to be "*fixed*" on the *doctrine* of Christ and his Apostles, transmitted in unbroken succession from the beginning, and guarded against the possibility of misapprehension and corruption by the living, speaking voice of the Church, guided by the infallible teaching of the Holy Ghost. Again, in referring to the Bible, he says: "Catholics receive the Bible as a *divine book*, depending entirely on the *divine authority* of the Church for the proof of its inspiration, and that authority *itself*, proved by a divine commission and divine acts." There are other assertions by Mr. Maturin on the point equally positive, but, like the others, as no authority or proof whatever is given in their support, it would be useless to cite them. The reader will therefore see that there is really no other or better foundation for this claim by Mr. Maturin, on behalf of Papal "infallibility," but unsupported assertions, and that he is all along assuming to be true the very point to be established by valid, unquestionable proof, and by that alone. In one place, Mr. Maturin asks, "Is the Church of England to be the sole judge in her own cause?" We put the like question, Is the Papal Church to be the sole judge in her own cause? Mr. Maturin, we know, thinks that she has, for he says of the "See of Rome," "She alone has a right to decide, by her hereditary title, what were the characteristic features of the primitive system." But this is only assertion. Protestants answer, she is *illegitimate*, and her *title deeds* are *forged*. There are, we know, many false systems of religion in the world, and the adherents of each one