

words "OF ENGLAND" are added *by Mr. Coster himself*, not by Dr. Gray. Yet these very words are the point upon which Mr. Coster's objection turns. He himself *adds* the words that originate the error, and then from his own addition infers that "it is perfectly clear that Dr. Gray is mistaken," whereas, in point of fact, the only thing "perfectly clear" is that Mr. Coster has made a blunder. Mr. Coster proceeds to say—

"I will transcribe the whole note." "The reason of these *secreta*, secret prayers said by the Priest may be partly for variety to refresh the people, but chiefly as I conceive, that by this course, the people might be taught to understand and reverence THE OFFICE OF THE PRIEST, WHICH IS TO MAKE AN ATONEMENT FOR THE PEOPLE, and to present their prayers to God by that very offering of them, making them more acceptable to God: all of which depends not upon the people's consent or confirmation of his office, but upon God's alone appointment and institution, who hath set him apart to these offices of offering gifts and sacrifices for the people. And therefore as it was appointed by God, that when Aaron by his Priestly office was to offer for the people and make an atonement for them, none of the people were to be present; so THE CHURCH ORDERS THAT AT SOME TIMES, WHEN THE PRIEST IS MAKING AN ATONEMENT FOR THE PEOPLE, and offering up for them and the acceptation of their prayers, the merits and passion of Christ, none should seem actually to assist, but the Priest should say it secretly mystically. The Church of England is generally in her common prayers as for an humble, so for an audible voice, especially in the Lord's prayer, appointing it to be said in the rubric before it, with a loud, that is, an audible voice, not secretly: and this for the more earnest repetition of so divine words, and to make them more familiar to the people. But though *this Church does not order the Priest to say these prayers secretly*, yet she retains the same order of offering up by the Priest in collects following the people's foregoing supplications." "The fact is that Dr. Gray passes over the sentence which does relate to the Church of England, because it would not suit his purpose, and applies to her one which relates not to her, but as I conceive to the Church of Rome."

In the above note, the words printed in capitals are the clauses referred to in my extract. The *first* clause so printed, expresses the author of the "Companion's" opinion as to the office of a Priest *in general*; therefore, of course, of his office *in the Church of England*. Mr.