

to the eyes of your understanding, the eminent sanctity of one of the most illustrious, the most distinguished, and one of the most miraculous of the Saints of God. I am already apprehensive of my own inability, and begin to feel the weight of the subject I am about to undertake. Be not therefore surprised if I pause for a moment, it is merely to indulge what none could suppress; because, when I see around me in this sacred temple, assembled on such a solemn occasion, far, yes, very far remote from the land that gave them birth, a portion of that people, whose magnanimity has reached to the remotest corners of the civilized world; whose unbounded hospitality is more than sufficient to characterize the sanctity of their isle; whose unbending constancy to maintain inviolable, and shew, in all its pristine greatness, the purity of that faith which they received from their forefathers, merits a title sufficiently illustrious to deck the proudest annals, that the vista of time can treasure in the sacred records of futurity. I say, when I see united, a people distinguished for so many virtues, for the purpose of solemnizing with their wonted zeal, and marked affection, the anniversary of that glorious Apostle, to whom, under God, they owe their delivery from the depth of impiety, and the darkness of infidelity. I must admire such zeal, while I applaud the devotion by which it is inspired. I feel apprehensive only on my own part, lest from any defect of mine, you should be wanting in a knowledge of that eminent sanctity, with which it has been the will of God to endow the Apostle of our island: and as it sometimes happens that the purest gold, and the richest diamonds are left neglected and alone, either by the husbandman who knows not how to appreciate their just value, from