

NOTE E. p. 26.—In the letters which passed between Pierre du Moulin, a very eminent foreign Protestant, and the admirable Bishop Andrews, there is a curious example of that infirmity (and we ought all to guard against it, on whatever side of a question), by which good men find a difficulty in conceding what makes against their own party; and if they have been drawn by the force of fair inference acting upon their minds, beyond the mark which suits them, will seek sometimes, although they are imposing upon their own judgments, to retire within it again.

Dumoulin intreats the Bishop to intercede for him with King James of England, on account of his supposed want of respect for Episcopacy, which he disclaims in these words:—Non sum tam fastidiosè arrogans ut velim me opponere toti antiquitati; et rem quæ jam inde à *seculo Apostolis proximo* recepta fuit in Ecclesiâ, ut vitiosam aut improbam aspernari.

The Bishop re-assures him with respect to the royal displeasure, and then notices a circumstance which seemed to furnish evidence of his going yet further, in his secret judgment, in favour of Episcopacy, than he was willing to allow: Ego verò libens agnosco æquiores te in res nostras, plerisque vestrûm; quantò magis antiquitatem versas, tanto æquiores: addo et æquiores adhuc multo futurum, si te sineret Ecclesia vestra; utinam autem sineret!—Illa, ut videtur, personarum vitia ad res transtulit, rerumque adeò legitimum usum, propter abusum sustulit paulatim hoc à vobis dedocenda. Cui dum tu morem gerere vis, morem ipse animo tuo non geris. Nam de *animo* tuo ex *calamo* conjecturam facio. Adeò enim in *nos propensus calamus tuus*, ut scripserit (crede autem te non invito) nostrum Episcoporum ordinem rem esse receptam in Ecclesiâ *inde à seculo Apostolorum*. Rectè autem hoc scripserat calamus: *id tu liturâ scilicet induxisti (nempe rō APOSTOLORUM) ac vicem ejus APOSTOLIS PROXIMO reposuisti*¹.

The Bishop adds, a little farther on, Totam antiquitatem à nobis esse, nec ipse negas: an verò Ecclesiæ jam ulli plus deferendum

¹ Clarorum virorum Epistolæ, Collectore Paulo Colomesio. Lond. 1687.