

A LETTER, &c.

MY LORD—

My attention has been directed to two Numbers of the "Church Witness", of the 9th and 16th of November, which contain a portion of the Charge lately delivered to your Clergy, under the title of the "Bishop of Fredericton on Mr. Maturin's Pamphlets". As you have thus thought proper to bring this subject before public notice, on such an occasion as the Visitation of your Diocese, I feel it my duty to make some remarks on your Lordship's strictures, with the view of correcting some important mistakes into which you have fallen, in the course of your observations. At the same time, however, I beg to assure you, that I entertain the most sincere respect for your Lordship, both in your personal and official character, as I believe you to be an earnest and conscientious advocate of the Church of England, and utterly incapable of employing any argument in her defence, which you do not conceive to be strictly founded on truth. I wish, therefore, to avoid every expression which is not perfectly consistent with Christian charity, though I regret to say that your own tone of discussion is not entirely free from objections of this nature; and indeed I am persuaded that the use of harsh, and offensive language, on either side, can only tend to cherish a spirit of mutual irritation, as well as to produce a feeling of sympathy with the injured party in every ingenuous mind.

You profess that "it is not your intention to enter fully into the controversy", and therefore I shall confine myself to a brief examination of certain passages in your