

Man suffers
good you
called be-
you an ex-
when he was
suffered did.

he invari-

Apostles
primitive
unjust and
e not be-
vain, but
indispen-
nt *David*
e was at
rgaddi, 1.
un when
ng in his
ads to put
ho fought
not, nor
"Who,
on the
As the
not smite
d he die,
ttle and
n him."
er, 'twas

another
example :

example: when *Ægeas* the Proconsul had ordered him to be crucified at Patras a city of Achaia, the citizens, a great majority of whom were Christians, would have taken him out of Prison, but the Apostle practising, what he always taught, obedience to the ruling power, would not permit it, and prevailed on them by his entreaties to desist from their purpose ; this account is taken from the acts of his Martyrdom, written by the Priests and Deacons of Achaia who were present at it, what resource then against an abuse of power ? for injured individuals humble remonstrance, if that prove ineffectual a reliance on providence, prayer and patience : " Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice, for their's is the kingdom of Heaven, *Math.* 5th Chap. 10 " v." This lesson the Primitive Christians had learnt and reduced to practice, hence in the great persecutions of *Nero*, of *Dioclesian*, of *Maximinus* and even of *Julian* the Apostate, we don't read of any resistance made by that incalculable number of Christians, who were sacrificed to the relentless fury of these tyrants, nor do we read of any act of vengeance exercised by their surviving friends. Was it want of power or means ? No, their numbers were formidable : " We are but since yesterday, said *Tertullien* in his apology Book 2: " and we fill all your places, your towns, your isles, your castles, your forts, your councils, " your camps, your tribes, your troops, your
" palace