

vince, that he turned round, and sued more successfully for admission into the English Church.

What the Dr. therefore blames in the conduct of his late Parishioner cannot be the mere changing of his Creed; for of this the Dr. himself had set him the Example: besides, *the pure reforming principle* authorizes every one to judge for himself by Scripture, and determine accordingly: for it attaches no absolute, or *infallible* certainty to the particular Doctrines of any of its Churches. The whole sum then of Mr. Elmsley's offence must be, his having left *the many fallible* protestant Churches, for *the one infallible Catholic one*.

It is not however as the Dr. affects to suppose, so rare and *incredible* a thing to see Protestants, "who had been carefully "educated to mature age in the Doctrines of the protestant "Church, abandoning them suddenly, and attaching themselves "to the Roman Catholic persuasion." We could mention many such in the first Ranks of Life, and several to whom the Dr. even in point of Education, might own himself inferior. Need I name the Honble. and Rev. Mr. Spencer, Son of Earl Spencer and Brother to Lord Althorp; late a pastor of the Doctor's own Church; and now a Catholic Clergyman? what worldly honors and emoluments did he not forego to embrace a state so frowned upon in his native Land by the Powers *that be*; and railed against by our abounding Fanatics of every Description? We could name a great many others lately converted to the Catholic Church in the Land itself of the Pharos; several of whom are equally distinguished for their high rank in Life, and Superior Education: but the one just mentioned will, I think, suffice to keep the Honble. John Elmsley in countenance for the wise and independent step he has taken, notwithstanding the blame which the Dr. tries to attach to it.

In the United States of America, where *the Reforming principle* is fully acted up to, namely, the right of every one, without let or hindrance, to judge for himself in matters of Religion: where no Church and State authority obliges all, under the severest penalties and privations, to swear their Be-

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