

The Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assembly of the Church of Scotland have just as many and as good Acts of Parliament in their favor as the Court of Session has. They are Courts as well as the Court of Session is. Now, the Acts of Parliament, that set up the Court of Session, give that Court power to judge in civil and temporal matters. But these Acts never gave them power to judge in *spiritual matters at all*. Did the Church of Scotland refuse to obey the Court of Session in civil matters that would be rebellion ; but it has not done so. The Church has said to that Court—Take the Stipends, Manses, and Glebes, and dispose of them as you think proper, we shall not interfere, or resist. But when the Court of Session comes to the Church, and says, You must ORDAIN and place Ministers, in the way *We* (the Court of Session) direct you ; the Church could not do this without rebelling, both against its own Supreme King, and against the Law of the land too ; because the Law of the land has given power to Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assembly, to do these things according to the Laws of the Church itself, and the word of God, upon which the Laws of the Church are founded.

But look to it in this way : supposing that a Presbytery of the Church went to the Court of Session, or to the House of Lords, and said, You must decide this *Civil* case as we (the Presbytery) direct you ; then that Presbytery would be assuredly breaking the Law of the land, and rebelling ; and you may depend upon it that that Presbytery would very soon be punished, and justly so. And would not the Court of Session be breaking the Law, if they allowed any Presbytery to do this ? But here is now the Court of Session coming in to Presbyteries, and to the General Assembly, saying, You