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But his religious opinions would not have induced me to trouble the public with these observations if he had restrained himself to his own Church, and kept within the bounds of decency, and the respect due even to the involuntary errors of others: if he had not declared open war, against every other persuasion, and treated all protestant ministers with the most scurrilous language.

Following his arguments I have been under the necessity of discussing the exclusive claim of the Church of Rome to spiritual authority. Beyond this, I have carefully declined entering upon any of the Roman Catholic Tenets, further than Mr. *Burke* has voluntarily brought them forward to the notice of the public. I have not willingly or unnecessarily attacked any man's principles, or his prejudices; it was not my purpose to prove that they are in the wrong, but that we have good grounds to believe ourselves to be in the right; not to censure the Romish Church, but to shew that Protestant Ministers are not deserving of the very opprobrious epithets which have been lavished upon them.—Of misrepresenting the tenets of the Roman Catholics I cannot surely be accused since I have uniformly stated them in their own words, and from the most authentic sources; and I have alledged few facts without quoting my authorities.

However great the provocation, I have endeavoured to preserve the temper of a Christian and a Gentlemen. Against Mr. *Burke* himself