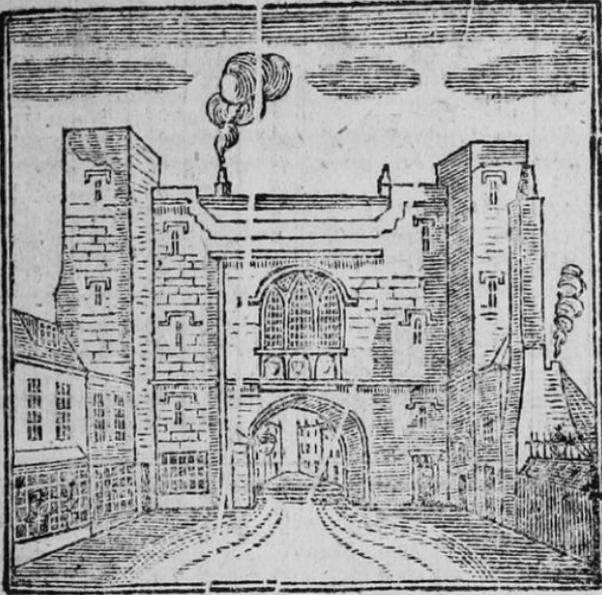


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to this subject by the present Metropolitan — certainly with a view to supply the defects of pastoral care, and not to create a kind of sinecure beneficiary interest for an absent rector, vicar, or perpetual curate, who shall give to his curate, or to his sub-curate, the ancient poor endowment for the performance of the ancient unperformed duty, and put the augmentation into his own pocket*.

Other weighty reasons for residence on points incident to the situation of an incumbent, subscription to letters, testimonial for holy orders, and giving a title for holy orders.

In chap. II. the Doctor ably vindicates tithes from the charge of being an annoyance to individuals, or any obstruction to the public good. He recommends to his incumbent to ascertain his revenues with equity and peace, to keep his house in repair, and treat and guard the glebe lands, and all the rights belonging to them, as a good father would his family-estate. The same course of studies at first recommended may be pursued and completed, particularly a knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew languages. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God; as, therefore, each inspired writer is the surest interpreter of his own meaning, so all together are the surest interpreters of the meaning of all. There is a harmony, such as might well be expected, throughout the whole volume; one plan of redemption, by one person and one method; and whoever attempts to vary the plan, or to obliterate it, or to degrade the person, or to change the method, will find himself so perplexed and entangled, in the interpretation of the sacred writings, as to be compelled to distort some parts of them and to abandon others," (p. 50.)

215. *A Plea for Religion and the Sacred Writings; addressed to the Disciples of Thomas Paine, and wavering Christians of every Persuasion: with an Appendix, containing the Author's Determination to have relinquished his Charge in the Established Church, and the Reasons on which that Determination was founded. By the Rev. David Simpson, M. A.*

MR. S. was placed in a sphere of uncommon usefulness, we believe, at Macclesfield, in Cheshire; but, morti-

fied by what he thought the ill conduct, indifference, and little usefulness of his brethren the Ministry of the Establishment, he was preparing to resign his situation: "the principles he had gradually imbibed rendered that step essential; and, whatever may be thought of the measure itself, the sterling integrity, the manly fortitude, and the noble attachment to principle it discovers, cannot fail of exciting the highest admiration." He considered "the Establishment of his native country as, with all its excellences, a main branch of the *Antichristian* system, a strange mixture of what is secular and what is spiritual; and that the day is at no very great distance, when the whole fabric shall tumble into ruins, and the pure and immortal religion of the Son of God rise more bright, lively, and glorious from its subversion." (p. 339.)—While Mr. S. was thus deliberating, Death decided for him, by taking him away in March 1799, and his wife a few days after (see our vol. LXIX. p. 352); and the publication of this book, which he left complete, was kept back till his son came of age. Mr. S. appears, by this and his other numerous theological publications, to have been a generous, conscientious man, perhaps too scrupulous.

216. *A Letter to Sir William Pulteney, Bart. Member for Shrewsbury, on the Subject of the Trade between India and Europe. By Sir George Dallas, Bart. M. P. for Newport. (Printed in 1802.)*

SIR George Dallas's arguments tend to favour the policy of enlarging the privileges of the free merchants, in order to attract to this country as much of the trade of India as its capital and industry can reach; and he at the same time unfolds the principles on which such a position rests: but, though he shews the utility of employing India-built ships, preferably to all others, for the purpose of bringing home the surplus trade, he refuses, by a candid appeal to the Company's charter, the imputation of desiring an open trade altogether. He writes, apparently, with a thorough knowledge of his subject, and in an animated style. After having discussed at some length the merits of the peace, he thus concludes:

"On the duration, then, of his [Buonaparte's] authority and life, perhaps, the continuance of peace may much depend. In the altered situation of France we are summoned

* Does not this apply to the case of poor Colnes, vol. LXXI. p. 284?