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O R,
Christianity Triumphant.

CONTAINING
THE INTERESTING LETTERS OF SAM. ADAMS,
THO. PAINE, AND JOHN GEMMIL.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,
MR. ERSKINE'S CELEBRATED SPEECH AT THE TRIAL
OF THE AGE OF REASON.



“BRETHREN, BEWARE LEST ANY MAN SPOIL YOU
THROUGH FALSE PHILOSOPHY.”

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THE following Letters must be interesting to all those who wish to see the objections of Infidelity opposed and confuted by proofs drawn from Reason and Scripture, urged by good and eminent men. — We recommend Mr. Gemmil's letter to particular attention, as he has refuted Mr. Paine's misrepresentations in a new and convincing manner.

Those who wish to see the principles of Christianity explained and vindicated more at large, will read (amongst a number of excellent writers) Bishop Watson's mild but persuasive Apology for the Bible, and Archdeacon Paley's rational and satisfactory Evidences of the Christian Religion.

INTRODUCTION.

TOWARDS the latter end of last December, I received a letter from that venerable and consistent patriot *Samuel Adams*, dated Boston 30th November. It came by a private hand, which, I suppose, was the cause of the delay. I wrote Mr. Adams an answer dated 1st January, and that I might be certain of his receiving it, and also that I might know of that reception, I desired a friend of mine at Washington to put it under cover to ~~some~~ friend of his at Boston, and desire ~~him~~ to present it to Mr. Adams. The letter was accordingly put under cover while I was present, and given to one of the clerks of the Post-Office to seal and put in the mail. The clerk put it in his pocket-book, and either forgot to put it in the mail, or supposed he had done so among other letters. The Post-Master General, on learning this mistake, informed me of it last Saturday, and as the cover was then out of date, the letter was put under a new cover with the same request, and forwarded by the post. I felt concern at this accident, lest Mr. Adams should conclude I was unmindful of his attention to me; and therefore, lest any farther accident should prevent or delay his receiving it, as well as to relieve myself from that concern, I give the letter the opportunity of reaching him by the news-papers. I am more induced to do this, because some manuscript copies have been taken of both letters, and therefore, there is a possibility of imperfect copies getting into print; and besides this, if some of the Federal printers, (for I hope they are not all base alike) could get hold of a copy they would make no scruple of altering it and publishing it as mine. I therefore send you the original letter of Mr. Adams and my own copy of the answer.

THO. PAINE.

Federal City, 22d Jan. 1803.

