AN ANSWER
TO A BOOK ENTITLED,
AN HUMBLE
REMONSTRANCE:

In which,
The Originall of
Liturgy
is discussed.

And Quæres propounded Concerning both:
The Parity of Bishops and Presbyters in Scripture Demonstrated.
The occasion of their Imparitie in Antiquitie discovered.
The Disparitie of the Ancient and our Moderne Bishops manifested.
The Antiquitie of Ruling Elders in the Church vindicated.
The Prelaticall Church Bounded.

Jeremiah 6:16.
Thus saith the Lord, stand in the waies and Behold, and ask for the old way, which is the good way, and walke therein.

Tertull. de prescr. adu. hærel.
Id Dominicum et verum, quod præsus tradidum: id autem ex traneum et falsum quod sit posterim.

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A POSTSCRIPT.

Though we might have added much light and beauty to our Discourse, by inserting varietie of Histories upon severall occasions given us in the Remonstrance, the answer whereof we have undertaken; especially where it speaks of the bounty and gracious Ministers of Religious Princes toward the Bishops, yet unwilling to breake the thread of our discourse, and its connection with the Remonstrance, by so large a digression, as the whole series of History producible to our purpose, would extend unto: Wee have chosen rather to subjoyn by way of appendix, an historickall Narration of those bitter fruits, Pride, Rebellion, Treason, Unthankfulnesse, &c. which have issued from Episcopacy, while it hath stood under the continued influences of Sovereigne goodnesse. Which Narration would fill a volume, but wee will bound our selves unto the Stories of this Kingdome, and that revolution of time which hath passed over us since the erection of the Sea of Canterbury. And because in most things the beginning is observed to be a presage of that which follows, let their Founder Austin the Monk come first to be considered. Whom wee may justly account to have beene such to the English, as the Arrian Bishops were of old to the Goths, and the Jesuites now among the Indians, who of Pagans have made but Arrians and Papists. His ignorance in the Gospell which he preached is seen in his idle and Judaicall Consultations with the Pope, about things cleane and uncleane; his proud demeanour toward the British Clergy, appears in his coun-

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