

AN ANSWER  
TO A BOOK ENTITLED,  
AN HUMBLE  
REMONSTRANCE.

*In which,*  
The Originall of { LITURGY } is discussed.  
                              { EPISCOPACY }

*And Quæres propounded Concerning both.*

The PARITY of Bishops and Presbyters in Scrip-  
ture Demonstrated.

The occasion of their IMPARITY in Antiquitie  
discovered.

The DISPARITY of the Ancient and our Mo-  
derne Bishops manifested.

The ANTIQVITY of Ruling Elders in the  
Church vindicated.

The PRELATICAL Church Bounded.

IEREMY 6. 16.

*Thus saith the Lord, stand in the waies and Behold, and aske  
for the old way, which is the good way, and walke therein.*

Turtull. de præscr. adu. hæres.

*Id Dominicum et verum, quod prius traditum: id autem ex-  
tranæum et falsum quod sit posterum.*

Written by SMECTYMNVVS. ps. d.

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## A P O S T S C R I P T.

**T**Hough wee 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 speakes of the *bounty* and *gracious Munificence* 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 subjoyne by way of *appendix*, an historicall Narration of those bitter fruits, *Pride, Rebellion, Treason, Unthankfulnessse, &c.* which have issued from *Episcopacy*, while it hath stood under the continued influences of *Soveraigne 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 *See* of *Canterbury*. And because in most things the beginning is observed to be a presage of that which follows, let their Founder *Austin* the *Monke* 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 seene in his idle and *Judaicall Consultations* with the *Pope*, about things cleane and uncleane; his proud demeanour toward the *British Clergy*, appeares in his coun-

*Bed.  
Holiness,  
Speed.*