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PREFACE.

THE object of the following pages is not to discuss, what Doctrines it is requisite for man to receive in relation to the subjects treated of in them; but to ascertain, what it has pleased Almighty God to reveal in Holy Scripture thereon; in doing which, it can avail nothing to point out, what are the determinations of Councils, Churches, Fathers, and Traditions upon them; since they can alone decree, That a specified Position should or should not be observed; and however just man's obedience to such determinations may be, still, is it out of the range of possibility, that any Position of Holy Scripture, can, by such decree, or by any other means, be made other than it is; man's regard for the Position may be withdrawn, but

the Position itself can never be altered; hence in endeavoring to ascertain the rule of Holy Scripture on any subject, [I say not, what rule man should observe in relation to it,] it can avail nothing beyond embarrassment of the investigation, to produce any description of authority beside that of the Sacred Text. My object is not to discuss man's obligations, either to do or not to do, to believe or not believe, any thing; but simply to ascertain, what it has pleased Almighty God to reveal in Holy Scripture on certain subjects; and as such an inquiry is not only not forbidden to man, but is commended to him by Almighty God, and by what is professed in the constitution of every Sect, it precludes the just existence of any objection to my undertaking; yea so far as my Positions are consistent with the object they profess, it should ensure a cordial and hearty acceptance of them by every man. Having ascertained what are the Positions that are revealed in Holy

Scripture, I leave to the Learned Divines of each Sect the determination, how far their flocks are or are not required to regard them.

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