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TO THE MOST REVEREND

WILLIAM,

LORD ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY,

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord Archbishop,

In the Work which I venture to submit to your Grace, I beg to offer the partial application of a principle for eliciting and establishing truth; which, though perfect in its present adaptation, will require the space of several volumes for its full exemplification.

The principle, on the nature of which I have been already permitted to explain myself to your Grace, although peculiarly applicable to History, as well sacred as profane, is capable of being extended likewise to Prophecy, the incidents of which, in the process of their accomplishment, pass, from predicted verities, into historical realities. In the subjoined pages, I have undertaken to give a proof of its universality, in applying it to a subject, which is, at present, of intense and general interest.

Were I merely to consult propriety in dedicating the Volume, with which I venture to approach your Grace, I should be witheld by few scruples from making the offering. The fitness would be atonce acknowledged, that a Work, one professed object of which is to ascertain the state of the Church, when Christianity will assume its purest and most attractive form, should be inscribed with the Prelate's name, in whose character and manners all its graces are truly exemplified. In the frankness of this declaration, I am not indeed secure of escaping the displeasure of your Grace; although I feel safe from the imputation of flattery from

every other source. I shall therefore throw myself, for protection, upon the condescending kindness and indulgence, which has marked every communication with which I have been honored by your Grace, upon the subject which now appears in a form less undeserving of notice, than when it first solicited your Grace's attention.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,

Your Grace's

Most obliged obedient humble Servant,

FRED. NOLAN.

Prittlewell Vicarage, Feb. 1, 1831.

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In the difficult subject, to which inquiry is directed in the following pages, the boundary between truth and heresy is marked by so faint a line, that it has unfortunately escaped observation. The author consequently deemed it a duty to engage in the following investigation, with a view to determine their respective limits. In discharging the task which he thus undertook, he has been less forcibly impelled by the desire to convey a just view of the subject, than to correct the false and pernicious opinions which have been propagated respecting it.

The peculiar ground on which he rests his claims to attention, are founded, not merely on the labor which he has employed, to disengage the subject from gross and inveterate error; but on the method of proof, by which he has sought to establish its truth, with a certainty which he ventures to consider demonstrative. The inferences which his predecessors in the same field have attained by historical induction, it has been his object to establish by chronological evidence. The results at which he has thus arrived, will, he trusts, be found to have equally gained in their conclusiveness and their precision.