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TO THE  
CHURCH AND CONGREGATION

MEETING IN WHITES' ROW, PORTSEA, HANTS.

DEARLY BELOVED,

AFTER officiating among you, as Pastor and Minister, between ten and eleven years, it seemed natural to address you in a publication intended to account for that change of sentiment in me, which has proved the occasion of our separation.

Two eminent writers, Mr. Booth and Dr. Williams, have both contributed to this. The latter has my acknowledgments; the former my animadversions. As Mr. B. had no design to discover the fallacy of the Baptist scheme, I thought it proper to show in what way his book has operated, and is likely still to operate, contrary to the design of the author.

I have presented the whole scheme to the reader in the same point of view in

which it was exhibited to my own mind. In composing it, I have endeavoured to avoid every thing foreign and bitter; that as the truth has been my object, I wished to say nothing that should divert the attention of the reader from it. Wishing that you and I may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, I remain, in the same esteem and love,

Your's, in our common Lord,

PETER EDWARDS.

PORTSEA, January 12, 1795.

## INTRODUCTION.

### A FAIR STATEMENT OF THE INQUIRY.

#### THESIS I.

THE only thing which, in any dispute, should engage our attention, is this: "What is truth?" And he who wishes to find it, will endeavour to adopt that plan which will bring him soonest to what he seeks. There are two things, in all matters of controversy, which greatly facilitate our search: First, that we set aside all those things about which we are agreed, and fix our attention to that only on which a difference of opinion may arise; and secondly, that this difference be stated in a manner the most plain and simple. To either of which, no person who seeks the truth can form the least objection.

#### THESIS II.

As this inquiry lies between those who pass under the denomination of Pædobaptists and Antipædobaptists, it will be proper, in order to ascertain wherein they differ on the subject of baptism, to give the sentiments of each. Antipædobaptists consider those per-