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THE
PREFACE.

THE following Treatise, especially that Part of it which concerneth The Antichrist, being founded on Principles entirely different from the Modern Opinions upon that Subject, must not be sent into the World without a short Preface, to engage the Favour and obviate the Prejudices of the generality of Readers; who will be apt to condemn at first sight any thing, that shall contradict the current Opinions, though never so agreeable to the Traditions of the first and purest Ages of the Church. This is evident from the general Contempt thrown upon the Ancient Fathers and Lights of the Church, particularly as to their Notions of Catholic Communion, Church Censures, and the Holy Eucharist, concerning all which they delivered their Opinions as plain as Words could make them; yet they are now forced to give way to the inconsistent Schemes of giddy Innovators. That most contemptibly dull Projector, the Author of The Rights of the Christian Church, has his Admirers, who set him up in opposition to the old fashioned Doctrines of Jesus Christ and his Apostles, as they were understood by Ignatius, Justin, Irenæus, Tertullian, Cyprian, and other Primitive Writers upon those Subjects.