

disturbed no institution, nor religious ceremony. The *police* of the Romans was nevertheless excellent; they were nevertheless absolute masters of the best part of the world, till the reign of Theodosius the second.

IT was a maxim of the Romans, *Deorum offense, Diis curæ*, Offences against the Gods concern the Gods only. The senate, by the wisest institution, being at the head of religion, were under no apprehensions, that a convocation of priests should force them to revenge the priesthood under a pretext of revenging heaven. They never said, let us tear the impious asunder, lest we ourselves be deemed impious; let us shew the priesthood, by our cruelty, that we are no less religious than they.

BUT our religion is more holy than that of the Romans, and consequently impiety is a greater crime. Granted. God will punish it. The part of man is, to punish that which is criminal in the publick dis-