tain it<sup>1</sup>: for this being a debt of hers, when fingle, shall like others extend to charge the husband. But at her death, the relation being dissolved, the husband is under no farther obligation.

No person is bound to provide a maintenance for his issue, unless where the children are impotent and unable to work, either through infancy, disease, or accident; and then is only obliged to find them with necessaries, the penalty on refusal being no more than 20s. a month. For the policy of our laws, which are ever watchful to promote industry, did not mean to compel a father to maintain his idle and lazy children in ease and indolence: but thought it unjust to oblige the parent, against his will, to provide them with superfluities, and other indulgences of fortune; imagining they might trust to the impulse of nature, if the children were deserving of such favours. Yet, as nothing is fo apt to stifle the calls of nature as religious bigotry, it is enacted<sup>m</sup>, that if any popish parent shall refuse to allow his protestant child a fitting maintenance, with a view to compel him to change his religion, the lord chancellor shall by order of court constrain him to do what is just and reasonable. But this did not extend to persons of another religion, of no less bitterness and bigotry than the popish: and therefore in the very next year we find an instance of a jew of immense riches, whose only daughter having embraced christianity, he turned her out of doors; and on her application for relief, it was held she was intitled to none ". But this gave occasion o to another statute p, which ordains, that if jewish parents refuse to allow their protestant children a fitting maintenance, suitable to the fortune of the parent, the lord chancellor on complaint may make such order therein as he shall see

Our law has made no provision to prevent the disinheriting of children by will: leaving every man's property in his own

<sup>1</sup> Styles. 283. 2 Bulftr. 346.

m Stat. 11 & 12 W. III. c. 4.

<sup>\*</sup> Lord Raym. 699.

<sup>°</sup> Com. Journ. 18 Feb. 12 Mar. 1701.

P 1 Ann. st. 1. c. 30.

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