

And now I leave any man to judge whether we have not had an infallible way of receiving these Records from the first Witnesses ?

Not that every of the particulars before mentioned, are necessary to the proving or certain receiving the Authentick Records without depravation: for you may perceive, that almost any two or three of them might suffice; and that divers of them are from abundance for fuller confirmation.

## SECT. IV.

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Objections against this Argument Answered.

I.  
Answ.

\* Nos fidem que verbis Dei habetur, et si non profusus nasci ex miraculis, attamen ex eis confirmari possumus credere, Pet.

Martyr. Loci Commun. cap. 8. page 38.

Vid. plura ibidem.

Leges Whitakeri Duplicat. adv. Stapleton de fac. Script. lib.

1. cap. 3. page 55, 56, 57. &c. Plenissime de hoc differet. Sic cap. 4. p. 62. &c. c. 5. and cap. 6. de quatuor officiis ecclesie circa Scriptur. viz. ut sit Tabellio vel Registrarius. 2. Vindex qui veras Script. a falsis vindicet. 3. Præco, qui Script. promulget & divulget. 4. Interpres. Vide etiam l. 2. cap. 5. page 332, 333, 334, &c. Et triplex officium ecclesie dat Polanus Syntag. l. 1. cap. 28. † Non per alios dispositionem salutis nostrae cognovimus quam per eos per quos Evangelium pervenit ad nos; quod quidem tunc præconiaverunt, postea vero per Dei voluntatem in Scripturis nobis tradiderunt, fundamentum & columnam fidei nostrae futurum. Irenæus adver. hæres. lib. 3. cap. 1.

means,

And thus I have done with this first Argument drawn from the Miracles, which prove the Doctrine and Writings to be of God.

But I must satisfy the Scruples of some before I proceed. First, Some will question, whether this be not 1. To resolve our faith into the Testimony of man; 2. And so make it a Humane faith; And so 3. To jump in this with the Papists, who believe the Scripture for the Authority of the Church, and to argue Circularly in this as they. To this I Answer, First, I make in this Argument the last Resolution of my faith into the \*Miracles wrought to confirm the Doctrine. If you ask why I believe the Doctrine to be of God? I Answer, because it was confirmed by many undeniable Miracles. If you ask why I believe those Miracles to be from God? I Answer, because no created power can work a Miracle: So that the Testimony of man is not the Reason of my believing, but onely the means by which this matter of Fact is brought down to my Knowledge. Again, Our Faith cannot be said to be Resolved into that which we give in Answer to your last Interrogation, except your Question be onely still of the proper grounds of Faith: But if you change your Question from, what is the Ground of my Faith? to, what is the † means of conveying down the History to me? Then my faith is not Resolved into this means; Yet this