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CHURCH-DISCIPLINE,

S H E W I N G T H E
QUALIFICATIONS and DUTIES, of the Offi-
cers and Members, of a Gospel-Church.

B Y
The BAPTIST-ASSOCIATION,

I N
CHARLESTOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA.

*For this Cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in
Order the Things that are wanting. 2. Tim. 4. 5.
See that thou make all Things according to the pattern shewed
to thee in the Mount, Heb. viii. 5.*

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P R E F A C E.

TH E following Summary of Church-Discipline, being designed chiefly, for the Benefit of the Poor and Unlearned, is contracted into a very narrow Compass, and exhibited in the plainest Language. This, with whatever Defects it has, will require the Candor of the more learned and intelligent.

To remove, in some Measure, the Ignorance of but too many Church-Members, about Discipline, was the principal Motive for engagin his Work.

We mea... mpose our Sentiments on any Person whatsoever, or to anathematize those who differ from us in Opinion. The Word of God, and no human Composition, is the Standard, by which our Principles and Conduct must be tried.

Nevertheless, we hope this small Piece may be of some Use, for the right understanding of God's Word, with regard to the Source... Points



THE PREFACE.

Points treated on ; and we desire that the Scriptures referred to may be carefully consulted, to see whether these Things be true.

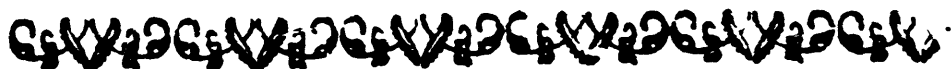
Some may say, " There is no Call for this Publication, seeing there is such a valuable Treatise on Church Discipline, published some Years ago by the Philadelphian-Association."

We mean not to depreciate the Value of that Piece ; it has merited much from the Baptist-Churches ; but it is out of print, and we apprehend not so explicit as this ; besides, some Things therein appear to us exceptionable. However, we have borrowed many Hints from it ; and are greatly indebted to the late learned ; pious and judicious Dr. Gill, for what is taken from his Exposition and Body of Divinity.

May the great Head of the Church bless this feeble Attempt to promote his Honour, and the Welfare of his Churches

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Of a true and orderly Gospel-Church.

§ 1. **G** O D in every Age hath had, has and will have, a Church or People in the World, consisting of a greater or less Number, and subsisting under various Forms and in diverse Circumstances, *Acts* 7. 38. *Eph.* 3. 21.

The catholic, or universal Church, considered collectively, forms one compleat and glorious Body, *Cant.* 6. 9. called Christ's mystical Body, of which he is the Head, *Col.* 1. 18. *Eph.* 1. 22. This is

