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[S]AYS his Prayers often, but never prays, and [S] worships the Cross more than (i) Christ (i). He prefers his Church merely for the Antiquity of it, and cares not how sound or rotten it be, so it be but old. He takes a liking to it as some do to old Cheese, only for the blue Rot-tenness of it. If he had lived in the primitive Times he had never been a (i) Christian (i); for the Antiquity of the (i) Pagan (i) and (i) Jewish (i) Religion would have had the same Power over him against the (i) Christian, (i) as the old (i) Roman (i) has against the modern Reformation. The weaker Vessel he is, the better and more zealous Member he always proves of his Church; for Religion, like Wine, is not so apt to leak in a leathern Boraccio as a great Cask, and is better preserved in a small Bottle stopped with a light Cork, than a vessel of greater Capacity, where the Spirits being more and s*tronger are the

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great Argument that he is miftaken. His Religion is of no Force without Ceremonies, like a Loadstone that draws a greater Weight through a Piece of Iron, than when it is naked of it self. His Prayers are a kind of Crambe that ufed to kill Schoolmafters ; and he values them by Number, not Weight.

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