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# Freedom of Will

Which is supposed to be essential to Moral Agency, Virtue and Vice, Reward and Punishment, Praise and Blame.

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Rom. ix. 16. It is not of him that willeth.

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Wherein are explained various terms and things belonging to the subject of the ensuing discourse.

SECT. I. Concerning the nature of the will .-Sect. II. Concerning the determination of the will.-Sect. III. Concerning the meaning of the terms necesfity, impossibility, inability, &cc. and of contingence.-Sect. IV. Of the distinction of natural and moral necessity and inability .- Sect. V. Concerning the notion of liberty, and of moral agency.

Wherein it is considered, Whether there is, or can be, any fuch fort of FREEDOM OF WILL as that wherein Arminians place the essence of the liberty of all moral agents; and whether any fuch thing ever was, or can be conceived of.

SECT. I. Shewing the manifest inconsistence of the Arminian notion of liberty of will, confisting in the wills felf-determining power. Sect. II. Several suppoled ways of evading the foregoing reasoning considered. Sect. III. Whether any event whatioever, and volition in particular, can come to pass without a cause of its exultence. Sect. IV. Whether wolition can arile without a cause, through the activity of the nature of the loul. Sect. V. Shewing that if the things afferted in these evasions should be supposed to be true, they are altogether impertinent, and can't help the cause of Arminian liberty; and how, this being the state of the case, Arminian writers are obliged to talk inconsistently. Scct. VI. Concerning the will's determining in things which are pertectly indifferent in the view of the mind. Sect. VII. Concerning the notion of liberty of will consisting in indifference. Sect. VIII. Concerning the supposed liberty of the will, as opposite to all necessity. Sect. IX. Of the connection of the acts, of the will with the dictates of the understanding. Sect. X. Volition neecharily connected with the influence of motives: with particular observation of the great inconfittence of Mr. Chubb's affertions and reasonings about the freedom of the will. Sect. XI. The evidence of God's certain foreknowledge of the volitions of moral agents. Sect. XII. God's certain foreknowledge of the future volitions of moral agents, inconsistent with such a contingence of those volitions as is without all necessity; and infers a necessity of volition, as much as an absotions of moral agents to be connected with any thing antecedent, or not, yet they must be necessary, in such a sense as to overthrow Arminian liberty.

PART III. Wherein is inquired, Whether any luch liberty of will, as Arminians hold, be necessary to moral agency, virtue and vice, praise and dispraise, &c.

SECT. I. God's moral excellency necessary, yet wiruous and praise eworthy. Sect. II. The acts of the will of the human foul of Jesus Christ necessarily haly, fallen man, in general, proves moral necessity and inability to be confistent with blame-worthiness. Sect. IV. command, and obligation to obedience, confident with moral inability to obey. Sect. V. That fincerity of defires and endeavours, which is supposed to excuse in the the other about 60 acres cleared, the rest in woods; non-performance of things in themselves good, parti- the soil equal to any in those parts; both well water-cularly confidered. Sect. VI. Liberty of indifference, ed. Likewise two young NEGRO WOMEN, three not only not necessary to virtue, but utterly inconsistent with it; and all, either virtuous or vicious babits and inclinations inconsistent with Arminian notions of liberty and moral agency. Sect. VII. Arminian motions

in their cause, but their nature. Sect. II. The falseness and inconsistence of that metaphysical notion of ac- other Certificates to pay for Pu tion and agency, which teems to be generally entertainliberty, moral agency, &c. Sect. III. The reasons why iome think it contrary to common fense, to suppose things which are necessary, to be worthy of either praise or blame. Sect. IV. It is agrecable to common sense, and the natural notions of mankind, to suppose moral necessis ty to be confistent with praise and blame, reward and punishment. Sect. V. Concerning those objections, That this scheme of necessity renders all means and endeacours for the avoiding of fin, or the obtaining virtue and holinefs, vain and to no purpose; and that it makes men no more than mere machines, in affairs of morality and religion. Sect. VI. Concerning that objection against the doctrine which has been maintained, That it agrees with the Stoical doctrine of fate, and the opinion of Mr. Hobbes. Sect. VII. Concerning the necessity of the divine will. Sect. VIII. Some fur-I. The work will be printed on good paper and a new ther objections against the moral necessity of God's well- tents, from 250 to 1000 Acres tions, considered. Sect. Ik. Concerning that objection

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Of a supposed inconsistence of these principles, with

God's moral character. Sect. XII. Of a supposed ten-

dency of these principles to atheism and licentiousness.

Sect. XIII. Concerning that objection against the reafoning by which the Calvinittic doctrine is supported, That it is metaphysical and abstruse.

THE CONCLUSION. WHAT treatment this discourse may probably meet with from some persons. Consequences concerning several Calvinistic doctrines-such as an universal, decisive Providence. The total depravity and corruption of man's nature. Efficacious grace. An univertal and absolute decree; and absolute, eternal, personal election. Particular redemption. Perseverance of saints. Concerning the treatment which Calvinistic writers and divines have met with. The unhappiness of the change lately in many Protestant countries. The boldness of some writers. The excellent wisdom appearing in the holy scriptures.

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BRICE T. B. WORTHINGTON.

January 10, 1790.

In Chancery, February 12, 1790.

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S. H. HOWARD, Reg. Cur. Can.

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