the Number of the *Faithful*, by (*i*) *doing the Work of an Evangelist*, to confirm and strengthen the Faith of Believers, by (*k*) *preaching the Word*, under the Character of a *Prophet*, to (*l*) *set in Order the Things which were wanting*, and *to ordain Elders in every City*, as a Pastor and a Bishop.

For the Purpose, near a-kin to our present Argument, we have a pretty remarkable Direction from our Apostle to (*m*) *Timothy*; *Let the Elders* (saith he) *who rule well, be counted worthy of double Honour, especially they who labour in the Word and Doctrine*; *i. e.* they, who, besides the good Government of a Flock committed to them, took Pains to encrease its Numbers, by conveying to such as were unacquainted with it, the marvellous Grace of God in the Gospel of his Son; and who were moreover careful to instruct such as had already receiv'd it, in all the Particulars relating to it. For, when a sufficient Number of Christians was, in any City, converted to a Belief of the Gospel, the Bishop, set over them, had Work enough upon his Hands of all Sorts, which soon made Way for the Introduction of certain subordinate Assistants to him, intituled *Presbyters*, who were to lighten his Burden, when by a farther Accession of Converts to his Church,

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(*i*) 2 Tim. 4. 5.
(*k*) Ibid. *v.* 2.
(*l*) Tit. 1. 5.
(*m*) 1 Tim. 5. 17.

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