Temple, of *edifying the Body*, whereof he was *Head*, or of making its Members *Holy in all Manner of Converſation.*

The Particular therefore, which comes next before us, is

II. Our Conſideration of the *Means* made Uſe of in Order to this *End*, *viz.* The Appointment of certain Perſons to act in certain Offices and Stations for the Attainment of it. *He gave ſome Apoſtles, and ſome Prophets, and ſome Evangeliſts, and ſome Paſtors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the Saints*, as our Tranſlation renders the Words, which yet, I think, with all Submiſſion, might as well be illuſtrated by the following Verſion——thus——(*v*) *For*

(*v*) ΠΡΟ'Σ τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων Εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, Εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τ῀ σώμα⟨ τ῀ χριστ῀. A great Latitude, I know, is uſed in the Conſtruction of Scriptural Prepoſitions; yet ſurely the Variation from πρὸς to εἰς, in the Verſe before us, may well be allowed to intimate ſome little Diverſity of Senſe and Meaning; otherwiſe we may reaſonably imagine the Paſſage would have run thus; Πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων, Πρὸς ἔργον διακονίας, Πρὸς οἰκοδομὴν τ῀ σώμα⟨ τ῀ χριστ῀. And even then the Senſe would be leſs perſpicuous, and the Order leſs clear and natural. For to mention in the firſt place, *the perfecting of the Saints, afterwards the Work of the Miniſtry*, which in the Reaſon and Order of Things was *before* the other; and then again at laſt, *the edifying the Body of Chriſt*, ſeems not quite ſo juſt nor ſo coherent a Way of ſpeaking, as it would be to ſay, That a Sett of extraordinary Officers was at firſt appointed for the Occaſions of the Chriſtian Church; that ſome of theſe were, in due Time, to fit out other holy Perſons for the ſtanding Work of the Miniſtry, and that altogether were to be employ'd in *edifying the Body of Chriſt*. As for the Word καταρτισμὸς, which we render *perfecting*, I take it to ſignify ſuch a *Fitneſs* of one thing to another, as matches them together like a Couple of Tallies. Now, that there might be *ſuch a Fitneſs of certain Perſons to the Work of the Miniſtry*, was one View of our Saviour