*the fitting out of holy Persons to the Work of the Ministry, to the Edifying of the Body of Christ.*

Should it be granted now to such as shall contend for it, that all the Officers, and all the Stations here mentioned, were of an extraordinary Nature (tho' it may be pretty hard to conceive, that *Pastors*, and *Teachers* were so, any otherwise, than as they were vested with certain Powers peculiar to the Age of Inspiration; but, should this, I say, be granted) the Consequence would only be, that these *Extraordinary* Officers were to provide for the Church others, who should act in it with *fixed and stated Powers*. Accordingly, *Clemens Romanus*, already cited, hath informed us, that they did so; that they *appointed the first Fruits of their Converts, gained over by their Ministry, to be Bishops and Deacons over such as should hereafter believe in the several Places where they had preached the Gospel, approving them by the Spirit*; or, perhaps, *by the Gift they had of discerning Spirits* (w).

The Matter then will rest upon this Foot; Our Saviour himself *gave Apostles, Prophets*, &c. *i. e.* by the Direction and Assistance of his Spi-

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Saviour in giving *Apostles*, &c. See *Rom.* 9. 22. where St. *Paul* mentions the *Vessels of Wrath* fitted for *Destruction*. καταρτισμένα εἰς ἀπώλειαν; 1 *Cor.* 10. Where the same Word imports a *perfect joining together*; *That ye be perfectly joined together*, &c. κατηρτισμένοι. And *Hebr.* 10. 5. where it stands for *a due Preparation*; *a Body hast thou prepared me*, σῶμα κατηρτίσω μοι.

(w) Κατὰ χώρας δὲ καὶ πόλεις κηρύσσοντες (Ἀπόστολοι) κατέστανον τὰς ἀπαρχὰς αὐτῶν, δοκιμάσαντες τῷ πνεύματι εἰς ἐπισκόπες καὶ διακόνες τῶν μελλόντων πιστεύειν.

**N. B.** *This is the Passage referred to in Note* n *preceeding.*

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