rit, certain Perſons were appointed and enabled to perform thoſe ſeveral Offices; and as they had *peculiar Difficulties* to encounter, they had an *extraordinary* Meaſure of Aſſiſtance from Above, to make them equal to their Charge: But as the Church, which was to be *built by* them, was not intended to *fall with* them, they were to *fit out* other *holy Perſons for the* Work of the Miniſtry.

Thus the forementiond (x) *Clemens* hath acquainted us, That the *Apoſtles had it revealed to them from our Lord, that Conteſts would ariſe concerning the Epiſcopate; upon a certain Foreſight of which, they appointed the Officers before-named, and accordingly made a Rule for the Subſtitution of fit and approved Perſons to their Miniſtry, when Death ſhould call them off from it.*

Thus again (y) *Irenæus*, a Writer of the Second Century, affirms, That *the Church*, in his Time, *could reckon a Catalogue of her Biſhops appointed by the Apoſtles, and could deduce the Line of them down to the Age he wrote in.*

(x) Καὶ οἱ Ἀποστολοι ἡμῶν ἔγνωσαν διὰ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν, ὅτι ἔρεις ἔσαι ἐπὶ τοῦ ὀνόματος τῆς ἐπισκοπῆς. διὰ ταύτην οὖν τὴν αἰτίαν προέγνωσιν εἰληφότες τελείαν κατέστησαν τοὺς προειρημένους, καὶ μεταξὺ ἐπινομὴν δεδώκασιν, ὅπως ἐὰν κοιμηθῶσιν διαδέξωνται αὐτῶν τὴν λειτουργίαν οἱ ἕτεροι δεδοκιμασμένοι ἄνδρες τὴν λειτουργίαν αὐτῶν. Ibid. Sect. 44. *Where Mr.* Le Clerc *obſerves upon the Word* ἐπινομὴν. *That the* Vetus Onomaſticon *makes* ἐπινέμω *to ſignify* Superrogo, *or* Subrogo.

(y) Habemus annumerare eos qui ab Apoſtolis inſtituti ſunt Epiſcopi in Eccleſiis, & Succeſſores eorum uſque ad nos. *Lib.* 3. *cap.* 3.

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