Soon after him (z) *Tertullian* observed against *Marcion*; That in his Time, they *had Churches known to have been founded by St.* John; that *the Bishops of them might be traced up to the Age of that Apostle, and so would finally terminate in him, as their first Ordainer. And the rest of the Churches* (he farther adds) *were alike entituled to the Honour of Apostolick Founders.* The same Author, in his *Book of Prescriptions against Hereticks*, hath challenged them to (aa) *produce the Original of their respective Churches, and to derive the Catalogue of their Bishops in a proper Order of Succession, from the Age of the Apostles, down to their own; so as to fix their first Bishop upon the Appointment of an Apostle, or else of some Apostolical Person, who continued in Fellowship and Communion with the Apostolical College; as the Church of* Smyrna *reckon'd upon* Polycarp, *to have placed been there by St.* John; *as that of* Rome *held* Clement *to have been ordain'd her Bishop by St.* Peter; *and*

(z) Habemus & Joannis alumnas Ecclesias—— Ordo Episcoporum ad Originem recensus in Joannem stabit Authorem, sic & cæterarum generositas recognoscitur. Adverſ. *Marcion.* lib. 4. cap. 5.

(aa) Edant ergo Origines Ecclesiarum suarum, evolvant ordinem Episcoporum suorum, ita per Successiones ab initio decurrentem, ut primus ille Episcopus aliquem ex Apostolis, vel Apostolicis viris, qui tamen cum Apostolis perseveraverint, habuerit Auctorem & Antecessorem; sicut Smyrnæorum Ecclesia habens Polycarpum ab Joanne conlocatum refert; sicut Romanorum Clementem a Petro ordinatum edit; proinde utique & cæteræ exhibent, quos ab Apostolis in Episcopatum constitutos Apostolici seminis traduces habeant. De Præscript. Adverſ. *Hæret.* cap. 32.