

senger three days, because we were not able sooner to explain our sentiments.

“ Your Excellencies’ most devoted servants,

“ THE PASTORS AND LECTORS, MINISTERS OF }
THE CHURCH OF ZURICH. }

“ ZURICH, October 2, 1553.”

The Ministers of the other Swiss Churches, Schaffhausen, Bern and Basil, returned answers very similar to that from Zurich.

“ CALVIN TO FAREL, wishes health.

“ I shall now treat you in some measure as you do me ; and instead of a letter, give you a breviculum, a mere sketch, which will not occupy much of your time. The messenger has returned from the Helvetic Churches. All unite, with one consent, in declaring that Servetus has at once revived all the impious errors with which Satan formerly troubled the Church, and that the monster is intolerable. The answer of the Ministers of Basil is judicious. That of Zurich, the most decisive of all. The atrocity of his impieties is strongly described by them, and they exhort our Senate to severity. To their opinion the Ministers of Schaffhausen subscribe. To the pertinent letter of the Bernese Ministers, their Senate has added a letter, by which our Senate is greatly animated. *Comical Cæsar*, having feigned sickness for three days, at length came into the Senate-room, that he might discharge this wicked man from punishment. Nor did he blush to ask that the trial should be removed to the Council of two hundred. However, he was condemned, *sine controversia*, without hesitancy. He will be led to punishment to-morrow. We endeavoured to commute the kind of death, but in vain. Why we could effect nothing in his fa-

your, I will inform you at our interview. Farewell, most faithful brother and excellent Minister of Christ. May God preserve and direct you always. Health to all friends. Ours salute you again.

“ GENEVA, October 26, 1553.”

“ THE JUDGMENT OF THE SYNDICKS AND SENATORS, PRO-
NOUNCED UPON MICHEL SERVETUS.

“ We, Syndicks, Judges of criminal causes in this city, having witnessed the process made and instituted against you, on the part of our Lieutenant, in the aforesaid causes, instituted against you, Michel, of Villeneuve, in the kingdom of Aragon, in Spain, in which your voluntary confessions in our hands, made and often reiterated, and the books before us produced, plainly shew, that you, Servetus, have published false and heretical doctrines; and also, despising all remonstrances and corrections, have, with a perverse inclination, sown and divulged them in a book published against God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit; in sum against all the true foundations of the Christian religion, and have thereby tried to introduce trouble and schism into the Church of God, by which many souls may have been ruined and lost—things horrible, frightful, scandalous and infectious; and have not been ashamed to set yourself in array against the divine Majesty and the holy Trinity; but rather have obstinately employed yourself in infecting the world with your heresies and offensive poison; a case and crime of heresy grievous and detestable, and deserving corporal punishment. For these and other just reasons moving us, and being desirous to purge the Church of God from such infection, and to cut off from it so rotten a member, having had good counsel from others, and having invoked the name of God, that we may make a right judgment; sitting upon the tribunal of our