

obtuse man who fails to see, with such an example before him, how intimately associated with the ecclesiastical the secular may be.—*November 2, 1850.*

THE CRIME-MAKING LAWS.

IF there was a special law enacted against all red-haired men, and all men six feet high, red-haired men and men six feet high would in a short time become exceedingly dangerous characters. In order to render them greatly worse than their neighbours, there would be nothing more necessary than simply to set them beyond the pale of the constitution, by providing by statute, that whoever lodged informations against red-haired men or men six feet high should be handsomely rewarded, and that the culprits themselves should be lodged in prison, and kept at hard labour, on every conviction, from a fortnight to sixty days. The country would at length come to groan under the intolerable burden of its red-haired men and its men six feet high. There would be frequent paragraphs in our columns and elsewhere, to the effect that some three or four respectable white-haired gentlemen, varying in height from five feet nothing to five feet five, had been grievously maltreated in laudably attempting to apprehend some formidable felon, habit and repute six feet high; or to the effect that Constable D of the third division had been barbarously murdered by a red-haired ruffian. Philosophers would come to discover, that so deeply implanted was the bias to outrage and wrong in red-haired nature, that it held by the scoundrels even after their heads had become bald and their whiskers gray; and that so inherent was ruffianism to six-foot-highism, that though four six-foot fellows had, for