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an appeal to forged miracles to impose it upon the world as a revelation from heaven. The object of the former miracles is worthy of a God of infinite wisdom, goodness, and power. The object of the latter is absolutely inconsistent with infinite wisdom and goodness. Whence it follows, that the supposition of the apostles bearing *false* testimony to the miracles of their Master, implies a series of deviations from the laws of nature *infinitely less probable* in themselves than those miracles: and therefore, by Mr Hume's maxim, we must necessarily reject the supposition of falsehood in the testimony, and admit the reality of the miracles. So true is it, that for the reality of the Gospel miracles we have evidence as convincing to the reflecting mind, as those had who were contemporary with Christ and his apostles, and were actual witnesses to their mighty works." *Enc. Brit.*

* **MIRACULOUS.** *adj.* [*miraculeux*, Fr. from *miracle*] Done by miracle; produced by miracle; effected by power more than natural.—Arithmetical progression might easily demonstrate how fast mankind would increase, overpassing as *miraculous*, though indeed natural, that example of the Israelites, who were multiplied in 215 years from 70 to 600,000 able men. *Raleigh's Essays.*—

Restore this day, for thy great name,

Unto his ancient and *miraculous* right. *Herbert.*

Why this strength

Miraculous yet remaining in those locks? *Milt.*

—At the first planting of the Christian religion, God was pleased to accompany it with a *miraculous* power. *Tillotson.*

* **MIRACULOUSLY.** *adv.* [from *miraculous*.] By miracle; by power above that of nature.—It was a singular providence of God, to draw those northern heathen nations down into those Christian parts, where they might receive Christianity, and to mingle nations so remote *miraculously*, to make one blood and kindred of all people, and each to have knowledge of him. *Spenser on Ireland.*—Turnus was to be slain that very day; and Æneas, wounded as he was, could not have engaged him in single combat, unless his hurt had been *miraculously* healed. *Dryden.*

* **MIRACULOUSNESS.** *n. f.* [from *miraculous*.] The state of being effected by miracle; superiority to natural power.

MIRAMBEL, a town of Spain, in Arragon.

MIRAMICHI, a port, bay, and river, on the NE. coast of New Brunswick. There is a salmon fishery on the river.

MIRAMONT, a town of France, in the dep. of Lot and Garonne, 10 miles NE. of Marmande.

(1.) **MIRANDA**, or Eo, a river of Spain, which rises in the mountains of Asturias, separates that province from Galicia, and runs into the Atlantic, a little N. of Rivadeo.

(2.) **MIRANDA**, a town of Naples, in Molise.

(3.) **MIRANDA**, a town of Spain, in Navarre.

(4.) **MIRANDA DE CORVO**, a town of Portugal, in the prov. of Beira, containing 2700 people; 15 miles S. of Coimbra.

(5.) **MIRANDA DE DUERO**, a strong town of Portugal, and capital of the province of Tral-os-Montes, with a bishop's see. It is well fortified, and seated on a rock near the confluence of the river Douro and Frefna. Lon. 5. 40. W. Lat. 41. 30. N.

(6.) **MIRANDA DE EBRO**, a town of Spain, in Old Castile, with a strong castle; seated in a country that produces excellent wine. The town is divided into two parts by the river, over which there is a handsome bridge. Lon. 3. 10. W. Lat. 42. 51. N.

MIRANDE, a town of France, in the dep. of Gers, and ci-devant prov. of Gascony; late capital of the county of Astarac; seated on a mountain near the Baïse. Wool, downs, and feathers are its chief articles of trade. It is 15 miles SW. of Auch, and 340 of Paris. Lon. 0. 21. E. Lat. 42. 53. N.

MIRANDELA, a town of Portugal, in Tral-os-Montes, 30 miles SW. of Braganza.

MIRANDOL, a town of France, in the department of the Tarn, 12 miles N. of Alby.

(1.) **MIRANDOLA**, a ci-devant principality of Italy, between the late duchies of Mantua and Modena, nearly surrounded by the latter. It was raised from a county to a duchy in 1619, and was governed by dukes of the house of Pico or Picus till the beginning of the 18th century, when the last duke, Francis Maria, joining with Spain in the war about the Spanish succession, he was put under the ban of the empire, and the duchy was transferred for a million of guilders to the D. of Modena in 1711, and confirmed to him by the