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To the Right Hon.^{ble} the Lords &
 Co^mons assembled in Parliam^t.
 The humble Advice of the Assembly of
 Divines sitting at Westminster,
 Concerning a Larger Catechisme.

[1] *Quest*: What is the cheife & highest end of man?

Ans: Mans cheif & highest end is, to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

[2] *Qu*: How doth it appeare² that there is a God?

Ans: The very light of nature in man, & the Workes of God, declare plainly that there is a God: But his Word, & Spirit only do sufficiently & effectually reveile him unto men for their salvation.

[3] *Qu*: What is the Word of God?

Ans: The Holy Scriptures of the Old & New Testament are the Word of God, the only Rule of Faith & obedience.³

[4] *Qu*: How doth it appeare that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

Ans: The Scriptures manifest themselves to bee the Word of God, by their Majesty,⁴ & purity, by the consent of all the parts, & the Scope of the whole, which is,⁵ to give all glory to God; by their light & power to convince, & convert sinners, to comfort & build up beleivers unto salvation:⁶ But, the Spirit of God, bearing witnes by,⁷ & with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it, that they are the very Word of God.

1. Fo. 158v is blank. The questions are not numbered in either manuscript.

2. Or “appeare, that” (Bower, 139). There is a smudge in the copy.

3. This “o” appears to be lowercase (B, 139).

4. In MSA it is often difficult to determine if an “M”, “S”, “W” or “O” is capitalized or not. In this instance the “M” is clearly uppercase. When the determination of case is

doubtful, the best guess will be in the text and the alternate reading placed in the footnote.

5. Bower appears to place the comma between “which” and “is” (140). This may be simply a spacing error, as Bower’s method is to arrange the variants in a tabular form under the text from the authoritative first printed edition.

6. Or “Salvation” (B, 140).

7. No punctuation (B, 140).

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1. MSb is inconsistent in abbreviating *Question* and *Answer*, and did not underline, a common notation for emphasis, rendered in the italic face in print.

2. Not “Workes” (B, 139).

3. Comma missed (B, 139).

4. Not “But” (B, 139).

5. As with MSA it is often difficult to distinguish lowercase and uppercase W’s

in MSb. In doubtful cases the less likely reading will be noted in a footnote. There is no comma after “Word” (B, 139).

6. Or “God, the”; the ‘dot’ is faint.

7. Or “whole,”; the ‘dot’ is faint.

8. Catchword: “to God”. MSb uses “catchwords.” These are footnoted rather than repeating the text in the transcription.

9. Or “word” (B, 139).