

sent to *Indians* not comprehended within the Letter of the Charter, not being in any of his Majesty's Colonies; on which Account the Treasury refused Mr. *Prince* the usual Bounty granted to Missionaries, and it was made up to him by the Society, who might easily and plausibly have excused themselves from engaging in this Matter, if they had not really had it at Heart.

From these various Attempts it appears, that the Society have always been desirous, always endeavouring, to make Impressions on the *Indians*. And from their bad Success with those on whom they bestowed the most Pains, it appears that notwithstanding their seeming good Inclinations towards Christianity, and their Petitions to be instructed in it, on which the Doctor lays so much Weight*, they were either insincere, or quickly changed their Minds, and grew intractable; so that appointing more Missionaries, if the Society could have found them, would probably have been little else than *sinking* more Money, if I may presume to imitate his Style, in the *Indian Gulph* †, instead of making those Tribes in general professed Christians, which he desires to have it thought would have been the Consequence. His Presbyterian and congregational Friends have had a much longer Space of Time for this Work than the Society; they have also lived in great Numbers amongst the *Indians*, which is another Advantage. Yet I fear the Fact is rather, that few *Indians* are left in *New England*, than that many are Christians. And though the Doctor tells us, that two Missionaries, lately sent from *Boston* to the Five, otherwise Six, Nations, give very encouraging Accounts of their Disposition §, one cannot help doubting, whether these Accounts will end in any Thing better, than the abovementioned like Accounts given to the Society. I heartily wish they may. But surely as yet, it is too early to insult us with the Superiority of their Success to ours.

The Doctor saith, Mr. *Barclay's Mission was Starved* ||: I hope the contrary hath appeared. Much less was it starved to propagate Episcopacy in *New England*, for at that Time the Society had scarce any Missionaries there; yet in a great Measure it failed like the rest. And therefore it is very unjust to impute the Failure of any to that Cause, when

* Pag. 100, 106. † p. 109. § p. 105. || p. 104.