

I am exceedingly unwilling to think, that he inserts his qualifying and healing Clauses with an artful Design to procure himself a Dispensation for his Outrages. However that be, his Professions, that he doth not intend to do what he hath been doing just before, and doth again soon after with all his Might, are Protestations against Fact, which cannot be admitted.

But whatever Concessions a Gentleman of this Turn makes to his Adversaries, are to received with great Regard, for any may be sure they are not too large. Let us therefore begin with these, in considering his Remarks on the Charter and Conduct of the Society.

He owns, that it hath a Right to plant Churches, to support Missions and Schools, &c. in many of the British American Colonies; and adds, that no one, who hath ever read the Charter, can possibly imagine, that its Care and Charity ought to be confined to the Heathen Slaves in, or the Savages bordering on, the Plantations*. Yet many have been led both to imagine and to assert this, merely from its Name. It is hoped, that for the future they will confess and remember their Mistake. He owns likewise, that in three Districts of New England, i. e. New Hampshire, Rhode-Island and Providence, much less Care hath been taken for the Support of a publick Worship, than in the rest†: and that a few Missions from the Society might be needed in those, particularly in Rhode-Island‡. And he blames them as unnecessary, only in the Massachusetts and Connecticut. Nay, he declares, that in these it is by no means his Intention to charge that venerable Body with any wilful known Misconduct, or improper Application of Monies, even though any incautious Expression should at first View have the Appearance of such an Accusation§. Again he saith, I would by no means be understood, as charging so respectable a Body with any wilful criminal Abuse of Power||. Accordingly, after declaring his Design to shew that they have in some respects counteracted the Ends of their Institution, he adds, however contrary to their Intention¶. He hath also these express Words: That the Society have chiefly sent their Missionaries into those British Plantations,

* Pag. 12, 13. † p. 36. ‡ p. 46. § p. 7. || p. 93.
¶ p. 9.