

was precisely acted upon when Christianity received the protection of the Empire :—That whatever changes and abuses grew out of this circumstance, the *principle* was recognised at the reformation, and made one of the marked features of the English Constitution :—That, at the time of the Union with Scotland, although provision was made for *Community of Commercial* and other privileges both at home and *abroad*, and its own *Ecclesiastical* privileges were carefully secured to Scotland *within the bounds of that Kingdom*, a distinction was made, which cannot be without meaning, in the correlative provisions for the security of the Church of the Sister Kingdom,—England; Ireland, Wales and the town of Berwick upon Tweed being specified with the addition of the words “AND THE TERRITORIES THEREUNTO BELONGING,” WHICH EXPRESSION IN OTHER STATUTES HAS BEEN CONSTRUED AS APPLYING TO THE COLONIES :—That although the Presbyterian Church is *established in Scotland*, the circumstance of its establishment *there*, so far from proving that it is entitled to establishment *here*, affords *support* to the *contrary* argument, for that it is *there*, according to what we conceive to be implied in the very nature of a Religious Establishment, *exclusively* established, and it will hardly be denied that *another* establishment *here* pre-occupies the ground :—That Scotland itself affords a striking example of the fallacy of such an idea as that a Church which is established in one particular Country is *thence* entitled to establishment in other parts of the same Empire, inasmuch as the Episcopal Church in Scotland, altho’ in a *legal* point of view *distinct*, is *spiritually one* with the Church of England *established* at the *Seat of Empire*, comprehends regular Clergymen of the latter Church,* and without being large in numbers, consists of six † Dioceses and comprises many of the nobility of the Country,—yet this Episcopal Church does not there enjoy and could not by possibility aspire to the character of an Establishment :—That

* The Episcopal Clergy of Scotland are also employed as Missionaries by the Church of England.

† Properly eight, but under the charge of six Bishops.—The Church of England itself exists in Scotland, considered without reference to what may be called the *native* Episcopal Church, upon the same footing of simple toleration.

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