

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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