## A SERMON before the Society

Hence it appears, that the Church's obligation to preach the Gofpel to the new World when difcovered, is not fimply a mere act of Charity, but the difcharge of an indifpenfable duty.

The providential Difcovery was at length made; and though, in itfelf replete with all the feeds of temporal and fpiritual Bleffings, was yet most horribly perverted : For as in the Old world fo in the New, the Devil stepped in to take the first fruits of Creation and Renovation, due only to the all-boun-While, under the mafk of teous Author. the Gofpel (if Popery may be faid ever to have worn that mask) the Natives of South America were murdered by millions becaufe they had more Gold than they knew how to use; and the Savages of the North driven from their kindred Woods and Marshes, becaufe they differed from their Invaders in the mode of cultivating their Lands : And neither One nor the Other deemed to have a right to any thing becaufe they were Pagans and Barbarians. The honour of being made acquainted with Civil Life and Christian rites, was referved for a more favoured People, discovered about the fame time, on the most remote Coafts

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