

rod of oppression, all those, whose principles or sentiments were different from their own. Their inveterate enmity to the Church of England, has polluted the annals of the British history. Their intolerance in *England*, towards the members of the Church, when the sovereign power was usurped by them, is recorded in characters of blood; and the same spirit was dreadfully triumphant in *New-England*, from the first settlement of the country, till the mild disposition of Parliamentary power interposed to restrain it. In 1629, they banished and transported even some of the original patentees of *New-England*, who were men of abilities and of a respectable character, merely because they discovered them to be Churchmen, declaring to them as they sent them off, that *NEW-ENGLAND WAS NO PLACE FOR SUCH AS THEY* ||. Their descendents, who inherit their principles, are the very persons that will govern you, if the projected revolution should take place. As they have now broke loose from the authority of Parliament, which for some time past restrained them from mischief, they begin to appear in their natural colours. They have already resumed the old work of persecuting the Church of England, by every method in their power. The members of it are daily misrepresented, insulted and abused by them; and they have lately driven several of its clergy from their parishes and families, which are left in a state that is truly deplorable.

The pretence indeed is, that the members of the Church in *New-England* are thus roughly treated, on account of their *political*, and not of their *religious* principles. But, Good God! is there to be no liberty of the press, no liberty of speaking, no liberty even of thinking, on political subjects, where those republicans have the ascendant? This is despotism with a vengeance; and such as we must be all fools if we voluntarily submit to. Nor will the case be at all better, with regard to religion. For it is a truth, which the history of all ages confirms, that those who will distress men on account of their *political* principles, will not scruple to persecute them for the sake of their *religious* principles, when they have it in their power.

You then, who are members of the Church of England, must renounce your principles relating both to religion and government, or you can expect no quarter under the administration of such intemperate zealots. You must cease to be Churchmen,

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