

frequently imagine, that if they can only get their plans approved of by keeping their estimate very low, they will afterwards succeed in getting them finished.—Such a building of accommodation was particularly and earnestly recommended in His Excellency's speech in 1793 at the opening of the first Session of the last House, together with an allowance for a collegiate establishment.—They only pledged themselves however to make such provision for these objects, as the abilities of this infant Province would enable them. But finding like the former House the inability of this barely-existing Colony to defray the expence of erecting such buildings and supporting such an establishment, for which the allowance proposed is not half sufficient, and which without Parish-Schools to prepare Children for it, they conceived would be useless and nugatory, they have left both these objects repeatedly recommended to them as unprovided for.—They very judiciously considered that Parish Schools, which disseminate generally a certain degree of information and learning, ought naturally to precede any endowment for a College, which without them is only calculated for the accommodation of a few Individuals, and has a tendency to monopolize education—And however much some persons may dislike the general dissemination of knowledge among the people and reckon it dangerous, it ought in my opinion to be the first object of attention in every well regulated State. For we can hardly view reason itself as a gift from the beneficent Author of our nature, unless we allow, that whatever improves the understand-