

is their first custom-house impost—"and that it would be very commendable and beneficial if all should agree to set apart some portion of such fish or oil for the encouragement of an able godly minister." Here is their first voluntary tithing of their substance. Free-men were to be "twenty-one years of age, sober and peaceable, orthodox in the fundamentals of religion." "Horse-racing is forbidden," and in the same category is put "walking about late at nights." Drunkards were to be punishable by fines, by being put in the stocks, and being posted: the stocks also awaited convicted liars and the utterers of profane oaths. A certain Mrs. M. B. was brought before the court upon a charge of falsehood; but the charge was not proven, so the judges admonished her to beware of "unnecessary talking." Admirable counsel! and suitable through all the ages! One "Mr. Smith" was charged with lying about "seeing a whale and other things," and was fined ten shillings. Some were convicted for "neglecting public worship," for "speaking contemptuously of singing psalms," for "writing a note on common business on the Lord's Day," for "denying the Scriptures to be the rule of life;" the latter criminal was to be "whipped at the discretion of the magistrates, only not to the endangering of life or limb;" and the others were sharply reprov'd, amerced, or exposed in the stocks as in a pillory. How slow men have been to learn the lesson that the mind cannot be whipped into conformity by the lash which tears the flesh; and that if it could, that were an unworthy triumph which coerces the opinion only by trampling upon the image of God within the man! One woman