

Form of Government, to take particular Care to sow the Seeds of our good Religion, the natural and providential Pledge of their Success and Duration: For besides the Arguments and Motives to this Duty from common Mercy and Humanity to the Blind and Vicious, — From the express Command of our Saviour, — From the Principle of Gratitude, to the Inhabitants of these fine and fruitful Regions, by whose frugal and painful Industry, this our native Country, the Mother of us all, receives great Strength and Riches. — I say, besides these Motives, we should consider (and that perhaps may please us better) that it is a Matter of worldly Interest and Advantage: For every Convert to Christianity, or Member secured to our Establishment upon Gospel and Protestant Principles, is a Friend to our Country and Government, as well as to our Religion; an Argument that ought exceedingly to weigh with us, when we consider the indefatigable Zeal of Popery, both at home and abroad, in propagating the shameful Cause of Tyranny and Superstition.

The Means of our fulfilling this Duty are such as the Providence of God permits to us, and such, as for a long Course of Years have been successfully pursued by this wise and good Society, and will, we hope, continue till its noble Ends are answer'd. — We pretend not to Mi-