*** A peculiar pressure of occupation must be the apology of the Author, to his brethren of the Clergy who were present at the delivery of this sermon, for the length of time which has clapsed since the occasion was given for the signification of their desire that it should be published.

—It is in deference to their judgment and with the earnest wish that in its effects, it may not wholly falsify their favorable anticipations, that he now complies with that desire,

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