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FIRST COLONIAL BISHOP.*

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IT is over a hundred years ago since the appointment of the first Bishop of the Colonial Church. As early as the year 1767 Dr. Thomas B. Chandler published and dedicated to the Archbishop of Canterbury "An Appeal to the Public on behalf of the Church of England in America, wherein the Origin and Nature of the Episcopal Office are briefly considered, Reasons for sending Bishops to America are assigned, the Plan of sending stated, and Objections Confuted" This was followed by representations and memorials at different times from the clergy of the colonies, and at no time was the establishment of a Colonial Episcopate more strenuously urged upon the Mother Church than during the period immediately preceding the American Revolution. At length, by the good Providence of God, the American Colonies obtained this essential boon, and soon afterwards the See of Nova Scotia was founded; of the first occupant of which we present in this number a portrait and memoir.



REV. DR. INGLIS, FIRST COLONIAL BISHOP.

Charles Inglis was the third son of Rev. Archibald Inglis, of Glen and Kilcarr, Ireland, and was born at that place in 1733. His father, grandfather, and great grandfather, were clergymen. Being one of a large family, he early emigrated to America. His first employment was to teach a free school at Lancaster, Pa., where he remained three years. He was in 1758 recommended by the neighboring clergy as a candidate for Holy Orders, who testified

of him "as a young gentleman of unblemished character, discreet in his behaviour, and free from even the suspicion of anything unbecoming." With these high testimonials he came to England, and was ordained by the Bishop of London, and appointed to the Mission of Dover, Delaware, in which sphere of labour he proved himself highly successful. His journals keep an accurate and modest record of his pastoral work, and shew him to have been a man of sound judgment, good ability, and earnest piety. In 1763 his health began to suffer from his arduous

labours. During his six years' ministry here he had baptized 756 children and 23 adults and his communicants had increased from 49 to 114. While residing in Dover he married a Miss Vining, who died without issue in 1764, and we may state here that he afterwards married a Miss Creek, of New York, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. His second son,

* Sprague's Annals of the American Church. Hawkins' Historical Notices; New York Historical Society's Collections; Barian's History of Trinity Church, New York, etc., etc.