

ers" of the Church, they are dearer to me than any other form of human language, and express more deeply the wants of the soul; and in my private ministrations, I have seldom adopted the custom of the other clergymen of the Church here in departing from these forms. I have the deepest love and veneration for the Church of England; and I am not to be *driven* from it for heresy, without being taught what heresy is by a *higher* authority than the Rector of Trinity Church. As to myself, I am prepared to meet with persecution for what I know to be the truth, and which I hope to promulgate as long as I live. And let me observe here, that if, in the course I have hitherto taken to enforce the Truth, I may sometimes have appeared harsh or severe, it was generally to meet the case of those who, while making great professions of Religion, have evinced very little of the spirit of Religion itself: nor is it surprizing that *such* persons should hate the Preacher, as well as the *Doctrines* he has taught.

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