

sist of a vast Tract of Land, divided into  
 a Variety of distinct independent Govern-  
 ments; distinct not only with regard to the  
 Persons of their Governors, but differing  
 in the very Forms of their Government:  
 In some of which the royal Authority  
 has but little Weight; and in others  
 is but ill ascertained; in many of which  
 there are internal Jealousies, the several  
 Parts that compose their Legislature being  
 at Variance amongst themselves, and in  
 most a Jealousy of their neighbouring Co-  
 lonies, which makes them frequently re-  
 gard each other's Prosperity with an evil  
 Eye; add to this, all those unhappy reli-  
 gious Differences which in the Beginning of  
 the last Century distracted the Mother-  
 Country, still subsists in that Part of the  
 World, not only simply as Sects, but in a  
 manner moulded into their several Govern-  
 ments, and influencing them not a little.  
 These are Impediments which cannot be  
 immediately and all at once removed, or  
 their ill Effects remedied; and it is ridicu-  
 lous in the highest Degree to charge that as  
 a Crime on the Ministry, which arose from  
 the natural Circumstances of the Country  
 itself. Whether this Division of Govern-  
 ment and Latitude in Religion, permitted  
 or encouraged in the several Reigns in