

article in the *Boston News Letter*, of Aug. 19, 1725, a paper claiming to be published by authority, he wrote to Gov. Dummer denouncing the statements in the paper as "tending to the ruin of his reputation, the disadvantage of his labours in religion, the discouragement of any missionary in the faithful discharge of his duty, and the injury of the Church of England," and demanding "reparation to his character and protection for his Church." In consequence of this spirited remonstrance, Gov. Dummer ordered that the words, "published by authority," should be removed from the paper.

Dr. Cutler's sympathy was extended towards the Episcopalians in New England, who were taxed to support the Independent teachers, and to pay for building and repairing their meeting houses, and who, if they failed to pay these taxes, were deprived of their goods and thrown into prison. As many as thirty were in prison on this account at one time in a single town. These facts were stated in a petition signed by Cutler and others, addressed to the King. This petition was referred to a Committee of the Council to inquire whether the Acts of the Assembly were contrary to the New England charter, but no action was ever taken upon the subject. In our records are accounts of the proceedings of several joint meetings of the Vestries of King's Chapel and of Christ Church, held to take measures for the relief of those who were fined and imprisoned for not supporting a ministry and mode of worship of which their consciences did not approve. The following are among the votes adopted, "That the committee be empowered to defend any Churchman that shall be presented for travelling to or coming from any Church of England, throughout this province for the worship of God," and "That the Committee be empowered to defend the Church of England Ministers in case they should be prosecuted in any of the courts of this province for marrying according to the custom of marrying in the Church of England, provided the said ministers do marry according to the usage in the Common Prayer Book and Canons of the said Church."