

be *coming quickly*?—at least, let us not by any irreverence, by any forgetfulness of God, by any disregard of his solemn warnings either in his judgments which are abroad in the earth or in the standing instructions of his holy Word, draw down the *worse things* which may yet *come unto us*. Our duty as Christian subjects, not only with reference to the acts in which we engage, but to the language which we permit ourselves to employ, is very distinctly laid down for us and with very awful sanction in passages of that Word to some of which I have furnished a reference.

It is not because the Church of England in the Province has been the pampered favorite of power; it is not from any extraordinary partiality and countenance which she has enjoyed, that these sentiments of dutiful loyalty are inculcated within her bosom—on the contrary, she has, long before this day and in repeated instances, been a loser and a sufferer from the very fact of a jealousy existing against the name and shadow of privilege and establishment; and measure has been dealt to her, in the inevitable operation of the reigning policy of the day, which yields continually to the pressure of mere popular ascendancy, and by every fresh concession, invites fresh encroachment from the other side, such as *never* would have been dealt to any religious body from whom trouble and noisy opposition was to be apprehended. If there is any body of men in the Province,—I say it advisedly, and should be found prepared, if it were necessary, to maintain and prove it.—~~who~~ could make out a case and not one, two, or three, but many more cases of *grievance*, it is of the body composed of members of the Church of England, that this may be averred—but that tale let it be left to history to tell—we will always, with all respect and with all peaceableness, defend and preserve our own interests so far as is permitted to us; but while, in obedience to the Apostolic exhortation, we continually offer up *supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks for all men, for kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty*, it must not be seen that by any act of our own, or any indecent railing against the supreme local authority of the land, we contravene the spirit and object of such a charge. Let us rather all humble ourselves before our God for the sins which, in this as in other points, have been committed among