

gical Truth really pervaded all our hearts, we should not be going about to devise human precautions against evils for which God has provided the cure.

I do not wish to depart from the principle which I have just now endeavored to lay down, or I might shew the groundlessness of such fears as I have spoken of, from the actual working of similar institutions. I am content, for my part, to take my stand upon the principle that, *as I believe Episcopacy to be an essential element in the Constitution of the Church, as it was ordered by the Apostles, acting under the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit, I cannot be a party (even if it were expedient) to handing over the government of the Church to Presbyters and Laymen.* And I pray God to give all our Bishops grace to stand firm in the defence of the rights of their office. For so only can we hope for lasting peace.

Believe me,

Your sincere friend and fellow-servant in Christ,

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