

setts. the leading colony in the revolution, was the last state of the Union to remove from her statute book the laws which were intended to enforce religious uniformity. This was not done until 1832.

Mr. Wiswall was no idle spectator of the progress of the revolution. The desperate conduct of the revolutionists, the forcible taking away of the arms of the loyalists, tarring and feathering them, tossing them on fence rails and parading them in this condition through the towns to be jeered at by the crowds, the extemporized congress at Philadelphia in September, 1774, the fast oncoming of startling events oppressed and alarmed this gentle Christian minister. He was about one hundred miles away from Boston, the storm-centre; but even at Casco Bay the fury of the gale was felt, as puffs of wind before the outbreak of a terrible storm. "Out with him, out with him," shouted the mob as they rushed at Francis Green in a Norwich inn. They shouted and yelled at him as they chased him out of the town. His crime was that he had signed an address to Governor Hutchinson as he was about to leave for England. In the same summer of 1774, the mob drove judges from their seats and shut up the court-houses. Brigadier General Ruggles, who afterwards came to Annapolis, Nova Scotia, fought off a mob, but they painted his horse and cut off his mane and tail. Afterwards, they robbed his house of all his weapons, and poisoned his horse. They stopped judges on the highways, insulted and hissed them as they entered court. They wrecked the house of Sewell, Attorney General of Massachusetts; Oliver, President of the Council, was mobbed and compelled to resign; and an armed mob of five thousand compelled the judges and sheriffs and gentlemen of the bar of Worcester to march up and down before them, cap in hand, and read thirty times their disavowal of holding court under parliament. At Taunton, Springfield, Plymouth and Great Barrington the courts were handled in a similar way. Loyalists everywhere were driven from their homes and families; and some took refuge in the woods. One Dunbar, who had bought fat cattle from a loyal-

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