

But there is yet more :

To crown and preserve to you that happy state of perfect equality and toleration which I have been showing that you enjoy, the British Parliament has declared that the Provincial Legislature shall not have power to pass any act affecting or altering your religious privileges, or laying any sort of new burthen upon you for the support of religion ; or in any way connected with the exercise of religious worship, without first obtaining the consent of the Kings, Lords, and Commons of Great Britain, to such act. So that, even if it were possible, which it is not, that the Majority of the House of Assembly and Council, here, should ever be Protestants, or that they, being Catholics, should wish to alter the present constitution such as I have described it to you, in matters of religion, *they cannot do so* ; the Governor cannot assent to an act for doing so.

But it must be finally sanctioned and approved by that body,—the Parliament of Great Britain, which has *established* your Religion *by law* in this Country, and which will probably, before another twelve-month, Emancipate it by law, in the Country which you have left.

My friends, I might go on and appeal to such of you as have suffered poverty and distress since you landed on these shores, to say who they are that have done most for your relief in sickness and want ; was it the persons who are now stirring up a spirit of discontent and opposition to Government among you, or was it the Government itself, and that class of society among which the principal supporters of Government are found ? If any of you have occasionally at the outset, been relieved in money, I might ask you from whom you received *pence*, and from whom you received *pounds*.

But, though others seek to move your more violent passions or prejudices, I will not seek to move