A SERMON before the Society

Against this danger, a timely aid was to be provided. And the Founders of our Society not being Fanatics, would not intrust the care to Fanatics: a People always ready, yet never fitted for one of these spiritual Enterprizes; but forward to go out upon a fecond ' call, as naked and pennylefs as those holy men, who, with the large viaticum of Miracles, went out upon the firft. It was thought fit therefore to affign a decent maintenance for thefe late labourers in the Lord's Vineyard; who, having food all the Day idle, were called, at the last hour, to their work. To this the Charter of Incorporation alludes; where, speaking of the purpole of the Society to appoint Miffionaries to the Colonies, it adds,-which, by reason of their poverty, are destitute and unprovided of a MAINTENANCE for Ministers, and the public worship of God.

This purpose hath been hitherto soberly purfued: our Missionaries to America having carefully avoided the Conduct of those of *Rome*, into the *Levant*; whose principal design hath ever been to reduce the distressed Churches of *Greece* and *Asia* to a submission to the Papal-Tyranny.

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