

has not been because our love toward you has chilled, or our opinion of your JUDGMENT in official matter has become impaired; but because, as colonists, our acts are occasionally in advance of your suggestions and decisions.

Colonial society differs in many of its features from *home* peculiarities; and those differences apply equally to religious societies in both hemispheres.

We are probably too precipitate and impulsive in our measures in this *young country*, whilst our fathers in England may be considered characteristic for cautious and slow deliberation.

It cannot but be, that in correspondence, at such a distance, there will be mistakes and misapprehensions; and that the same questions will be viewed differently as seen from opposite stand points.

The difficulties in preserving *intact* all the peculiarities of our church discipline, are often very considerable—moving alongside other bodies, and in some places hemmed in with rival and *adverse* communities.

If we, in this country, have no dominant church and little bigotry and intolerance to combat, we have sectarianism on the one hand, and laxity in church government on the other, which more or less react upon our people; and which force us

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