

people of *New-England* have been thus intolerant, towards those that differed from them only with regard to the case of baptism, while they possessed an authority that was subordinate to the British Parliament; what cruelty, towards all that dissent from them, may be expected, should they be armed with absolute and incontrolable power?

As to the *Germans* and *Dutch*, to whose industry and good behaviour the Colonies are greatly indebted; if they should become subject to the jurisdiction abovementioned, they will be considered as persons, not only of a different religion, but of different nations and languages, from whom they have such an aversion, that they have never admitted them to settle in *New-England*; and consequently all the Colonists who are of a *foreign* growth or extraction, must expect to meet with a double portion of rancour and severity from their new masters.

Nor can the moderate part of the *Presbyterians*, and *Congregationalists* themselves, have any prospect of continuing free from molestation under their government. Nothing can be more odious to bigots, than generosity and candour; or more intolerable in the opinion of the furious, than moderation and meekness. This assertion might be supported by the history of all ages and nations; but we need not go far for a confirmation of it. For among the *Presbyterians* and *Independents* in the Colonies, when the meek and the moderate, the candid and generous have been brought before the tribunals of the bigotted and furious, as has frequently happened: they have been treated with as much unrelenting rancour and roughness, as if they had been *Mahometans* and *Heathens*. So that there is no chance or probability, if the latter should come to the possession of despotic power, which is the aim of the revolution they propose; that their dispensations towards the former, would be less cruel than they commonly have been.

In a word: no order or denomination of men amongst us would enjoy liberty or safety, if subjected to the fiery genius of a *New-England* Republican Government; the little finger of which we should soon experience to be heavier than the loins of Parliament. *This* has sometimes chastised us with *whips*, when we deserved punishment; but *that* would torment us with *scorpions*, whether we deserved it or not.

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