

towards the Conversion of the Negroes, which they have been asked, or saw how to give; and particularly, that they have withdrawn none since the Increase of their Missions in *New-England*. On the contrary, they have extended their Care far beyond the literal Bounds of their Charter, and in 1751 appointed a very worthy Missionary, with a Salary of 70 *l.* a Year, to instruct the Negroes in *Africa*: where he continued five Years, and then returned to *England* on Account of his Health; having first sent over to the Society three Boys of good Families, to be educated under their Direction. One of these is dead; the other two have been maintained, though as frugally as was proper, yet at no small Expence, and taught whatever would fit them to propagate Christianity in their native Country, to which they are now on the Point of going back. The greatest Part of this the Doctor must have known from the Abstracts, but hath mentioned nothing of it. For it would have been hard to reconcile with his Accusation of the Society, that they have disregarded every thing else, to propagate Episcopacy.

The last head of his Charge of Neglect relates to the Colonies, unprovided of a competent Number of Ministers. Here he saith, that *though he will not affirm it for Truth, yet he hath been very credibly informed, that the People in some of the Southern Colonies, and particularly in those Parts of North-Carolina, which were entirely destitute of Ministers, had made earnest and repeated Applications to the Society for Missionaries, sometimes without any Answer for Years together, and at last without Success: and that some sensible and serious Persons from that Country, several Years ago, he thinks gave him the same Account; but that whether they did or not, they made such a Representation of their sad State for Want of Ministers, that at the Moment of his Writing, it was not in his Power to refrain from Tears in reflecting on it.* And then he makes his usual charitable Addition, that *perhaps the Society had it not in their Power to comply with these Solicitations, by Reason of their large Expence in the noble Design of supporting and increasing little episcopal Parties, or Factions, in New-England.\** So