

at that Time in *South-Carolina*, is ignorant of this Fact.

In *Pensylvania* the *Indians* find no such cruel Treatment and Barbarity. But another Reason for the Increase of People and the Improvement of the Country, is the wholesome Laws of that Province, by which all Men, without distinction, are protected from Injury and Persecution, on Account of any religious Opinions; for from the Foundation of the Government here, there never hath been an Instance of any Spiritual Power being exercised, or so much as claimed under any Authority in this Province. Here is a universal Toleration of all Sorts of Religions; no Person here is accountable to Men for what concerns the Deity, and what the Deity only can be Judge of; here are no Laws which pronounce one Mode of Religion more sacred than another; here men are esteemed in Proportion to their Characters, as they are signal for Morality and Virtue, or immoral and vicious; here no one who professes himself a Christian, and will subscribe the Declarations appointed instead of the State-Oaths, is excluded from the Magistracy or the Legislature; here are no Priests or Clergy maintained by Law, and therefore there are but few, except we call the Preachers among the Quakers Priests and Clergy, who utterly disown both Denominations, as they

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