

Agitation. I believe no single Person, there or here, hath once named or thought of *New England*, as a proper Place for the Residence of one; but Episcopal Colonies have always been proposed. And this the Doctor might so easily know, that one cannot help thinking he must know it. But then alas, if he had owned it, what would have become, not only of his pompous Harangue already mentioned, but of his ingenious Supposition, that Mr. *Apthorp* was *right-reverently inclined** and that a certain *superb Edifice*, near *Harvard College*, was even from the Foundation designed for the Palace of one of the humble Successors of the Apostles †? So much Wit and Archness, how greatly soever the Doctor abounds in it, would have been too great a Sacrifice to make to dull Truth and Fact.

We confess indeed, that we cannot perceive why the *Presbyterians* and *Congregationalists* in *New England* might not as safely breathe the same Air with a Bishop, as their Brethren in *Old England* do. However, we are unwilling to disquiet any of them, by importing and settling amongst them a Creature, which it seems they some of them account to be so noxious. Only we hope, that his occasionally travelling through the Country cannot infect it very dangerously. *Moravian* Bishops are authorized by Law to live, and act as such, where they will in our Plantations. *Popish* Bishops reside here, and go about to exercise every Part of their Function, without Offence and without Observation. *Dissenting* Ministers reside here, and hold their Meetings for Ordinations, and whatever Purposes they think fit; and these Assemblies give us no Umbrage. What we desire with respect to *New England*, is much less: that a Bishop may, not reside there, but resort thither from time to time, to officiate amongst those of our own Communion. His constant Abode will be in whatever Province is willing to receive him, with his Majesty's Approbation: who will certainly, for Reasons of every Kind, send such Persons in this Character, as are least likely to cause Uneasiness. Surely the Doctor and his Friends cannot thwart a Scheme of this Nature, and call themselves Patrons of religious Liberty.

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