

created need for doing good in the Colonies, than  
 a more circumscribed sphere of usefulness at home, and  
 being always willing to be so disposed of in any station  
 should appear most conducive to the service of the Church  
 of Christ, he no longer demurred to the proposal, that he  
 enquire into the state of the colonies, and to inform him  
 "what was most wanting to excite good ministers to  
 embark in that design as well as to enable them most effectually  
 to promote it—but owing to a variety of obstructions,  
 arising principally from opposition of the Quakers and Roman  
 Catholics, "no unnatural coalition," the Bill for providing  
 a maintenance for the Clergy in that Colony then  
 pending was prevented from passing into a law; for some  
 time he remained in London with the hope that these ob-  
 structions would be overcome, and on a presumption,  
 that the establishment of the Church might at last be ob-  
 tained, he was fully employed, during this interval, in pro-  
 viding Missionaries to be sent, not only to Maryland, but  
 into the other Colonies on the continent of America, as  
 well as into most of the Islands,—but above all it was his  
 care to furnish them with good libraries of necessary and  
 useful books, to render them capable of "answering the  
 ends of their mission," and of instructing the people in all  
 things necessary to their salvation. One half of either the  
 cost or the pains in which this last object engaged him, must  
 have discouraged any one, less sensible to the impressions  
 of religious zeal, from prosecuting it. But *his* superior mind  
 rising above the present, and penetrating into futurity, con-  
 soled him with the idea, that the libraries he had begun and  
 advanced more or less in all the Provinces on the Conti-  
 nent, and in most of the Islands of America, as well as in  
 the Factories in Africa, were not only useful to the minis-  
 ters with whom they were first sent, but by the care of  
 some of the Governments in settling and establishing the  
 rules he had prescribed for their use and preservation, might  
 be also of advantage to many succeeding generations.

All this time, he derived no emolument from his new  
 office in Maryland; neither was any allowance made him  
 at home, or preferment given him to "support the charge of  
 living altogether in town to solicit the establishment and  
 endowment of the church in that Province, and to provide  
 missionaries for that and all the Colonies on the continent,  
 which, except Virginia, lay upon him."

It would be irrelevant to my purpose to enter into a  
 minute detail of all the efforts he made to obtain either a