

ment to the government under which they enjoy their rights and privileges. But there have been some doubts expressed whether the *Toleration Act* extends "beyond the seas:" these doubts, men learned in the law, can solve; and there is another doubt on which a legal opinion would be very satisfactory; it is on the subject of Episcopal toleration "beyond the seas." The case will appear in the underwritten note.\*

*THE Wesleyan Methodists* are the second class of seceders from the Episcopacy. The Ministers of this denomination offi-

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\* On the point of legal abilities and disabilities to preach in foreign parts within the British empire, it would be proper to make a few observations. As it respects Ministers and places of worship under the *Toleration act*, there can be little doubt, provided the said Ministers and places of worship be duly registered; and provided also, that the protection and countenance of the Law extend to settlements abroad. But if the *Toleration act* does not extend to foreign parts, then it should seem that something remains for the Legislature to effect; though I think there can hardly be a doubt on the subject in relation to persons dissenting from the Church of England. The doubt, if there be any, rather rests on the officiating of Clergymen of the Church of England in foreign parts. I will state a case which might have taken place in the Island of ———, about the year ———. A Clergyman was interrupted by a man while performing Divine service—the man was accordingly apprehended and put under the charge of a peace officer. Upon examination it appeared that the offender was very indifferent on the subject of his commitment, and when pressed by the Magistrates for his defence, or acknowledgment of his crime, declared his determination to stand a legal trial.

THAT part of the trial which bears upon the point, I shall give in form. The Counsel for the accused asked the Clergyman as follows:—

*Cou.* Sir, are you a Clergyman of the Church of England?

*Cler.* I am, and have my letters of orders.

*Cou.* By what Bishop was you ordained?

*Cler.* By the Bishop of Lincoln.

*Cou.* Had you, Sir, any licence from that Bishop to officiate in his diocese?

*Cler.* I had, and officiated for years by virtue of that licence.

*Cou.* Does that licence afford you any warrant to officiate in this island?

*Cler.* I presume it does not.