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“THAT THE SOUL BE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE, IT IS NOT GOOD.”—Prov. xix. 1.

THE LATE REV. GEORGE GILMORE.

Continued.

We shall here insert two letters of Mr Gilmore, written the one at Boston on his way homeward from his visit to Britain, the other after his return to Nova Scotia.

LETTER TO DR. STYLES, NEW HAVEN.

Boston, October, 1788.

REVEREND SIR,

Your character having been known to me for many years past well as your various publications in favor of Christianity, Philosophy and literature in general, which, together with your present station, at the head of the University of Yale, urge me to address you at this time, and to hint the situation and distress of the Protestant Dissenters in Nova Scotia, in consequence of your appointment as Diocesan Bishop, being “by royal letters patent, appointed to reside in this Province to ordain Deacons and Priests, confirm, and do all that English Bishops may or can do in England,” which is too much, as ages past fully manifest, and which living age amply feels.

I have lately returned from England, where I went to visit my relations, and am now on my way to Windsor, Nova Scotia, where my family reside in the midst of a few names, who have not, and I trust never will, bow to the power of a regal Bishop, whose strides are insulting, and whose ambition and arts are wanting to entice the ignorant from our communion by show, and the vain nominal dignity.

Our royal Episcopals have money on their side, and the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin; and we have the apostolic rules on our side, and the Universities of America and Scotland. In the political sense we are on the weak side, because money outweighs truth and wisdom; but in a religious sense, we have the strength, and shall finally prevail over all usurpations of Episcopacy, which grew into papal and then to regal domination: but care and due attention must be paid by the friends of Presbyterian orders, to counteract the seditious advisers, who flatter the ambitious with degrees of A. M., and D. D., L. L. D., and M. D.; and it is my opinion that great defections will take place in our churches in this Province, in consequence of such degrees, unless some honours are conferred on some of our *antients* by your University, which is most considerable in this country and even in London. (For this honor I would recommend) the Rev. Mr. Seccombe, now of Chester, in Nova Scotia, whose abil-