

it is a part of the Church of England, and the members of it are, by implied agreement, bound by all its laws. Such is the judgment pronounced by the highest legal authority at home; and thus it is to be feared that some of those ties that have so long bound us to our venerable mother, are dissolved, and all that is now left us is the cherished memory of her maternal regard. The Committee, however, entertain the hope that the decision arrived at will be ultimately modified, and that this system of exclusiveness will not be fully and finally confirmed. A meeting of all the Anglican Bishops may be held next year, (D. V.) under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Committee trust that in their united wisdom they will devise such means as shall conduce to a more satisfactory state of things than that of an entire and final separation.

Since then, it is decided that the Church in the Colonies is to be a separate and independent society, without appeal to England, or her ecclesiastical law, it follows that we must have *some form of government* for ourselves—some legislative authority by which our laws, our rules, are to be enacted, and some Executive by which they may be enforced; and the only question which remains, under existing circumstances, is, whether the Church in this Island will elect to be governed solely and irresponsibly by the Bishop of Nova Scotia (from whose judgment and decision in that case there would be no appeal), or by a Diocesan Synod, consisting of the Bishop (as its President *ex officio*), the Clergy, and two lay delegates, chosen from each parish in the Island; and we believe that we echo the sentiments of the Bishop himself, in saying that the *latter* mode would have his preference and approval.

On the 30th July, the Bishop made his triennial visitation to this Island. On the 1st August, Divine service was held at St. Paul's, at which all the Clergy, and with a few exceptions, the lay delegates from the different parishes, were present. The charge was delivered, and in the afternoon the Bishop addressing the clergy, lay delegates and other members of the