

You seem surprized at lord Chatham's saying, that no true protestant could support this bill; and in answer you say, "no true protestant, my lord, can be no persecutor, no true protestant can harbour any such idea as that of establishing religion by force: is the Spaniard in Mexico to be an example for a protestant legislator?" My lord Chatham, I dare presume, and every true protestant would answer no; charity being the foundation of their holy religion. And where would be the charity, in the first instance, in giving support to a bill which deprived the miserable inhabitants of a right, founded on a compact between them, and the people of England, to the free enjoyment of their religion; and placed this right in the breast of the crown, whereby the very souls of the people are enchained? For should a king govern these realms, who with the collected hypocrisy of all the scribes, and all the pharisees, enveloping the heart of a Nero, should, I say, the lord in his wrath think such a solemn monster a fit ruler; what bloody purposes may he not turn those Canadians to, should they unhappily conceive the retention of their worship the first object. And that they do, no man can doubt; who knows it to be an established dogma of their church, that there is no salvation out of her pale. Consequently the question will be with a Canadian, shall I be damned by