

I am but little acquainted with the history of its pious Establishment ; but I reasonably suppose it to have been founded in obedience to this SECOND CALL : and, consequently, that the peculiar objects of its exalted Charity were the barbarous Americans, so long lain hid in the *Shadow of Death*.

I. Our Colonies, indeed, opened the Door to this spiritual Enterprize ; and were, in reason, to be paid for their pains, with some portion of the heavenly Manna ; not so much in relief of their own wants, as for the wants of their Posterity. For our Colonies were formed and were first peopled by religious and conscientious men ; who, made uneasy at home by their intolerant Brethren, left the *Old World*, to enjoy, in peace, that first and chief prerogative of Man, *the free worship of God according to his own Conscience* : At one time, PURITANS driven over by the Episcopal Church ; at another, CHURCH-MEN forced thither by the Presbyterian Faction ; just as the revolutions of State threw the civil power into one or the other hand. For it must be remembered (though to the opprobrium of humanity) that, of all the errors of that Antichristian Church from which the GOSPELLERS were,

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