

removal we chiefly have so much cause to deplore, I must be permitted to pay a passing tribute of respect and gratitude to that good and kind Prelate, (the late Bishop of London,) by whose recommendation, and at whose instance, I was promoted to, and induced to undertake, the charge of this Diocese. I may be excused for alluding to this circumstance, not indeed as adding to his praise, but certainly as increasing my reverence and gratitude. His praise however and our gratitude may be joined and expressed together for his earnest unceasing solicitude for this and every other Colonial Diocese; to which I am prepared to bear abundant testimony. To his pious and prudent foresight and liberality the Church is chiefly indebted for the Colonial Bishopric Fund, by, or through, which so many new Colonial Sees have been in great part endowed or maintained: while through his influence with successive Secretaries of State other obstacles, not less serious than want of funds, were happily overcome. These are his deeds generally known, and as generally and deservedly admired; but that which is less known is equally worthy of praise and gratitude, at least on our part; I mean, that he, the same good Bishop, while pursuing his large-hearted schemes of usefulness, extended his bounty, and tendered his counsel, to his Colonial brethren and their Churches in every time of need. I may have occasion to refer more particularly to one instance of his sympathy and solicitude, but I would now declare in general, that whenever I had occasion to seek his advice or assistance (and one