

Plantations, where they were much needed, according to the true Design of their Institution; and that they have hereby served the Interest of Religion in them, is by no means denied: it were very criminal to deny them the Praise, that is justly due to them in this Respect. I honour the Doctor for these Instances of Candor; and if he had preserved the same Temper throughout, should either have had no Controversy with him, or have engaged in the friendly Debate with Pleasure: whereas now the frequent and copious Effusion of a bad Spirit in his Work make such Animadversions upon him unavoidable, as I should otherwise gladly have spared.

His Charge on the Society is, that they have maintained Episcopal Churches, where other Protestant Churches were before settled, and the Administration of God's Word and Ordinances provided for,|| with a formal Design which they have long had, to root out Presbyterianism, &c. from the Colonies. Now this Design, in pursuance of which, he saith, they have in a great Measure neglected the Ends of their Institution,* is falsely ascribed to them. They have never formed a Scheme to root out Presbyterianism, &c. in the Colonies, either by Force, which the Doctor could not mean, though the Word most naturally suggests it, or even by Argument and Persuasion. Undoubtedly they would be very glad, if all the Inhabitants were of the Communion of the Church of England: as undoubtedly the Doctor would, if they were all of his Communion. But they have sent no Persons to effect this. He attempts to prove the contrary from the following Instruction, given by them to their Missionaries: That they frequently visit their respective Parishioners; those of our own Communion, to keep them steady in the Profession and Practice of Religion, as taught in the Church of England; those that oppose us, or dissent from us, to convince and reclaim them with a Spirit of Meekness and Gentleness:† His Words on that Occasion are: This clearly shews, what they are after. It will also be observed here, that WE are considered as Parishioners of the Missionaries, no less than professed Episcopalians. And we

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† p. 85. * Pag. 86. † Collection of Papers, printed by Order of the Society, p. 24.