

METHODISM AND THE CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT.

The following remarkable testimony of the illustrious founder of Methodism—John Wesley—will be read with interest:—

“Let this be well observed: I fear when the Methodists leave the Church, God will leave them. Exhort all the servants in our preaching houses to go to church. Use every means to prevent separation. Exhort all our people to keep close to the Church and Sacrament. Warn them also against despising the prayers of the Church. We dare not separate from it. I never had any design of separating from the Church; I have no such design now. I declare that I live and die a member of the Church of England, and that none who regard

my judgment or advice will ever separate from it. Dec., 1789. I believe there is no liturgy in the world, either in ancient or modern language, which breathes more of solid Scriptural, rational piety than the Common Prayer of the Church of England. Having had an opportunity of seeing several of the churches abroad, and having deeply considered the several sorts of dissenters at home, I am fully convinced that our Church is nearer the Scriptural plan than any other in Europe. I am therefore quite clear that it is neither expedient nor lawful for me to separate from the Church of England, and I never had the least inclination or temptation so to do.”

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