

Coasts of Africa; whose shores and inlands were made desert to enrich the Planters of the *new World*. And honoured they were, if becoming the Supporters of Civil Life could make them so.

Indeed, by that time, the Inhabitants of this *new World* were in so fair a train towards total extirpation, God raised up his chosen Instruments in the *old* to restore Christianity to its Gospel health and purity, then labouring in its last pangs under popish tyranny and superstition. For the Gospel was of necessity to be restored before it could be *preach- ed* AGAIN. And the *obligation* to preach it was to be seen before it could be performed. The REFORMATION OF RELIGION opened again these living Sources: And then it was that the Sense of my Text became evident; and that the Church first addressed itself to this undertaking. Nor was this the only benefit. The Church of Rome, in order to support its shaken usurpation, was obliged in this, as in other regulations of its abuses, to vie with us in the discharge of this *second Mission*, in which our venerable Corporation has borne so distinguished a Share.

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