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scrousness, that silence on this ail impor- of our country, and giut its insatiable ap- the demagogue, and the fanatic have lent ble and its saving truths form the text believe. Why do those things which we than an honest desire to promote the cause tant subject, affecting alike the bonor and petite, upon the consciences of the follow their mighty aid to produce this wide book of their mighty aid to produce this wide book of their common faith and hope. ought not to do, and leave undone those of the Gospel and the dissemination of its prosperity of North Carolina, as well as ers of the living God! When I read spread error and prejudice, and it has I would ask you, Mr. Chairman, if the things which ought to be done? I would divine truths. Why do I say so? Bethe character, and reputation of her citi- that provision which proclaims "that no been proclaimed from the Pulpit, the mass of the people in your section o. the not have it believed, Mr. Chairman, that cause, sir, such a course of conduct, is in zens, would be truly criminal indeed, I person who shall deny the being of God, Muster and Electioneering grounds, that State have any just and true notions and while I advocate the unrestrained rights conflict with the religious doctrines of the feel a great veneration and respect for or the truth of the Protestant Religion, or the dogmas of the Roman Catholic conceptions of the Roman Catholic conceptions of the Roman of all Protestant faith, does not accord with the our good old Constitution, under which the divine authority either of the old, or Church, are replete, with treason and ilave not bigotry, fanaticism and preja- civil disqualifications on account of reli- charitable disposition and tender commiswe have so long, and happily lived, and new Testament, or who shall hold Religi- conspiracy against the government of dice, there too, dressed him up in the garb gious opinions, that I entertain any un- eration which they evince even for the believe me Sir. I would have been unwil- ous principles, incompatible with the free- these United States! How miserable of a fiend -an enemy and reviler of the friendly feelings, or could be guilty of the Heathen and those who deny the existence ling to have touched, or impaired any dom and safety of the State, shall be ca- and contemptible must be that cause, in Protestant Religious sightest disrespect to any Protestant de- of God, and is an implied admission of feature of that sacred compact of our lib- pable of holding any office, or place of the minds of all honorable men, which freedom and the rights of man ? Do they nomination-for "I perceive that God is the weakness, fallibility and want of truth erties and rights, save the one now under trust or profit, in the civil department, with- requires for its support, a resort to an ex- know that he is a good old man-the no respecter of persons, and the divine of their own faith. The first settlements

flame, componere tantas lites.

permitted to remark, that the greater that | law, they are not so in practice. Public | testant? Who invested the latter with | voted head of the unfortunate Catholic all | to the taxes and drudgery of the Governexcitement becomes, the more cool, delib opinion erects itself into an inquisition, the power and authority, to tamper with, the pains and penalties of a premunire. ment? To my mind, the exclusion from erate, and determined, should be our dis- | and exercises its office with as much fan- | and controul the conscience of the Catho- In accepting office, he must acknowledge | the one, and the exaction of the other, is a cussion here. We should regard it as a aticism, as fans the flame of an auto de fe. lic Who made him a judge of the er- the King as the head of the Church, and violation of his rights; and if he be this sacred duty, instead of adding fuel to the The certain proscription of the law, is rort, and heresies of the Catholic faith? thereby reguliate the Pope; he must re- poor deluded being, occupying this nonto my mind far less odious, and more tole- Alas! Sir, the very system of persecution ceive the hely Eucharist from the hands descript position in our community, our It is not my intention to discuss the rable, than that of vindictive public opin- and oppression, which is so loudly char- of those whom his conscience taught him Protestant zeal might be manifested in much vexed question, among writers on ion-the one is silent and despotic in its ged upon the Catholics, is practised in a to believe thad no authority," and in a more strict conformity to the charity of and all who permit their subscription to run over public and political law, "how far a free operation, whilst the other, fed and sus form by the Protestants, ten times more manner toully repugnant to his long-che- the Gospel, by sending to them the Misgovernment has the right and power to tained by the bitter prejudices and pas- tyranical and despotic; because in a rished notions of that sacred rite; and to sionary heraids of the Cress, to call them interfere in matters of religion," or to sions of our nature, is deaf to the voice of government constituted like this, a perver- close the scene of this warfare upon con- back from the errors of peir ways, "to Yearly advortisers, who will agree to pay \$10 charge the framers of our Constitution, reason and justice, and but too seldom size and but too seldom sis a seldom size and but per year, will be allowed 30 per cent discount, on with an arrogant and unwarranted as- fails in seeking to assert and must proscrip substantiation. The Catholic in England water," and to be seech them to abjure the sumption of power, in the adoption of the principle for which it contends, to over- tive granay Where sir, is the biessed does deny this supremacy of the King, and heresies of their "mother Church !" For obaoxious and intolerant Article, the a- whelm in one common ruin the antago- charay of that Gospel, which at its ad- therefore may be said to refuse to acknow- if their Church be not of God it cannot mendment of which forms the subject aist principles of its feeble and persecuted vent, proclaimed peace and good will to ledge an unqualified allegiance; but in prosper-it will fall without the aid and matter of this grave and exciting debate. victim, and the fair character and reputa- all mark ad? Where is that Christian this free and napity country, where no persecution of man; but if it be of God, Sufficient for me it is, that they have ex- tation of him, who is ratinately' connect- spirit of meekness, forgiveness and love, connection between Church and State ex- persecution becomes implety and protaniercised this power, and that among all ed therewith. Upon this subject the peo- which is so beauteously illustrated in the ists, and there is no Religion established iv, because he has declared that he will the wise and prudent regulations of our ple have labored under a gross delusion. Infe and doctrines of the by law, the charge becomes a slander up- be with it "even unto the end of the peace, happiness and security which that Heaven and earth have been moved to a world? Where is to be found that gold- on his religious character, and is unfound- world" Common charity. Mr. Chairinstrument contains, this alone forms, a larm their fears and excite their feelings, en rule of doing unto others, as we would ed in truth and fact. If our Protestant man, should induce us to believe the consolitary exception, and affords the only -misrepresentations and false statements have others to do unto us? The Protes- friends would turn their attention to their trary, but it is much to be feared, that a Mr. BRYAN said, young as I am com- engine, with which the proscriptive de- of the Roman Catholic doctrines, have ant, in his bland and neadlong eagerness, own denominations, they would find more bitter spirit of malignant jealousy and seepared with those who surround me, and mon of bigotry, fanaticism and prejudice been spread far and wide-the ignorant and zoal to proscribe the doctrines of the to regret and less to criminate in the Ca- tarian rivalry, has rather prompted and reductant as I may be to address this may wreak its vengeance upon a portion and credulous have been threatened with Catholic Church, than their overwrought engendered this uncharitable and sense-Committee, I feel Mr, Chairman, a con- of the free, equal and inoffensive citizens a subversion of their religion-the Press, racter, cannot have forgotten that the Bi- and phrenzied zeal will permit them to less persecution of our Catholic brethren,

discussion; and I may truly say, that this in this State," I pronounce an anathe- pedient so degrading to our nature, and great support alike of the Civil and Re- Author of our Religion came to bring of this country were produced, and the

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affection has been much heightened and ma-a political excommunication-far so revolting to every christian feeling. - | ugious rights of his people, dispensing "the glad tidings of salvation" alike to brond foundations of this great Republic increased, by witnessing the great vener- more terrible and grating to the ears of Sir, if the Catholic were some monster in to them the wholesome and salutary reg- the Lew and the Genule." Is the perse- were laid, by this same spirit of religious ation and respect which the old citizens a freeman, than were "the thunders of human shape, a foe to virtue, and at en- ulations of Church and State, and as ven- cution of the Catholic for conscience sake persecution towards our forefathers, which of my county, (Carteret) entertained for the Vatican" in by-gone days, to the blind mity with God and man, human language raple for his years as he is estimable for required of us in the Bible or by our the bigoted zealots of this day, may sir, of this bond of union, and declaration of and ignorant devotee, at the shrine of could not bestow upon him more despica- his piety and learning. It is said that faith? Or are we not, like the Pharisee, this hour, are now evincing against the their rights, and the painful reluctance Papal power and supremacy. Against ble epithets, or clothe him with more his the Catholic owes an allegiance to the conscious of our own self-righteousness, Roman Catholics. It was a boasted birthand unwillingness; which they evideed, whom is this mighty excitement directed? deous deformity than that which is in conflict with his allegi- and giad that we are not, like (to us) that right, to be born in a land of Civil and to have one single feature of that match- It is useless, Sir, to disguise the fact-it rit of wild and senseless bigotry and fana- ance to the Government, and therefore in- sinful and perverse denomination ?- Religious freedom-the persecuted of all less instrument, altered or impaired. In is against the Roman Catholics! They ticism, has invested him with. What compatible with the freedom and safety of Whence arises the diversity in our faith - climes were invited to this asylum of the my humble judgment, in the existence of are openly and loudly denounced, as de- know the mass of the people of the true the State. This declaration, Sir, is more the dissention in our religious opinions - oppressed, where each man might "sit this feeling, and the great repagnance to nying the truth of the Protestant Reli- doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church? specious and attractive than true-for it the great variety of our Sects-and the down under his own vine and fig-tree" innovation and change, the cantious pru- gion, and holding Religious principles in- What know they of the character and is erroneous in fact, and those who know want of conformity among ourselves to and worship Almighty God according to dence in seeking after something new, compatible with the freedom and safety of commission of Pope GREGORY the Seven-and the great tenacity with which we the State. Who are those who profess teenth? Do they know, that for ages behold on to the 'well tried work' of our fa- the Protestant Religion, and what are the fore Protestantism was conceived of, this at one glance, see the uter absurdity and exercise and freedom of conscience and lifications in consequence thereof, were thers, as well as our great respect for tests of Protestantism ? What is the Pro- venerable and Apostolic Church, dispen- futility of such an assertion. The alle- opinion-in the untrammelled adoption of demonanced as violations of the great funtheir dear bought experience and unsullis testant religion and what tribunal is to sed the light of divine truth to a benight- giance due to the Pope is not of a civil a reasonable and popular construction of damental rights of man-taxation without ed honesty and integrity, will be found | determine its orthordox character ? Why ed and sinful world ? Do they know, character, but is merely a spiritual obedi- the Bible, and in the want of unity in ad- the enjoyment of its concomitant civil the surest guaranty for the perpetuity of Sir, the Shaking Quaker who, in the that 'it is founded upon the Prophets and ence in matters purely Ecclesiastical, and hering to that excellent Catholic rule of rights, was pronounced odious and opour liberty and independence Our old honest credulity of his heart, believes that Apostles, Jesus Christ himself, being the does not detract from, or come in collision referring all disputed and doubtful points pressive-our Pulpits. Legislative Halls, Constitution was the work, and produc- (what appears to us) fantastic capers and chief corner Stone?" Do they know with that obligation of subjects to Govern- of faith and interpretation, to a Council and popular Assemblies, rang in tones tion at no ordinary men-they lived in grotesque antics, are pleasing in the sight that it is one of the oldest, and most vene- ment, which, as citizens, it is their boun- of the great, the learned and the pious - "trumpet-tongued," against this violent inthe times that "tried men's souls," they of God, is firmly convinced that his re- rable Christian churches of which we den duty to render. The same spiritual And yet, Sir, we who have no common vasion upon our civil and religious rights, came fresh from the raging Revolution ligous opinions constitute the perfection have any authentic account, tracing its dominion is exercised by the Protestant, and uniform standard of faith, require of antil this noble and indignant spirit, no with the full consciousness of the value of Protestantism; and the host of dissen- descent, and deriving its authenticity from Bishops and Elders, and the same spirit- the Roman Catholic, before he can be longer controlled by the fear of such opof our liberties and rights-they felt the ters, and schismatics, who have strayed the Apostles themselves? Do they know ual obedience and submission are exacted permitted to enjoy office, that he must not pressive power, produced our great and necessity of preserving them inviolate, from the great sheepfold of the more stan- that it implicitly believes, in the divine au- of the members of the respective Protes- deny the truth of the Protestant Religion ! mighty Revolution. Then, sir, we felt and manfully went to work, to effect this dard sects, with equal propriety and right, thenticity of the Old and New Testaments, tant Churches; and yet, Sir, none of these This tyranny and despotism of opinion our own weakness and inability to breast great and patriotic object. I need not say lay claim to the same purity, because at and that this is the Rock, upon which it have ever entertained the opinion, that in may well have flourished during the ex- the storm? and thought it then no heresy that the world has seldom seen an assemblast, it is a mere matter of opinion. 1 is built? The Catholic believes that thus acknowledging their supremacy in istence of the dark ages, but in all com- to seek the aid of a Catholic King-the lage of men, more distinguished for their would respectfully ask if the Presbyteri- christianity existed before the Old Testa- the dispensation of matters purely spirit- ing time, it will hardly be credited, that current of popular good-will and affection talents, their patriotism, the purity of their an, Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist &c. be ment, and that the new Revelation has ual and Ecclesiastical, the duty and alle- in the enlightened period of the nineteenth ran strong in favor of our Catholic brethres reputstion, and the sterling honesty and the Protestant Religion? I fear that come down to us in its purity through giance due to the Government from them, century, there could have been found bi- of France and the dominant political party integrity of their characters, than those in seeking for some standard of faith, the traditions of the Fathers-these tradi- as faithful citizens, were in the least im- gotry, fanaticism and prejudice enough of our country, even after the attainment of who composed the Congress of Halifax, that these will be found to differ from tions too, he has incorporated in his Re- paired or dispensed with. This doctrine, to have cherished and supported so intol- Independence, was openly and loudly charand by whom our Constitution was form each other more essentially, than does ligious faith. And I would ask, if these which, on this side of the Atlantic, is erant a doctrine. ed; and as humiliating as the reflection the Catholic from them all, and that this traditions are not entitled to our faith, fraught with so much injustice to the Honorable gentlemen on this floor are It was not even whispered then, sir, that may be to the present generation, and to great Protestant family will be discovered what evidence have we, of the divine au- Catholic, becomes a more grave and se- prepared to recount the bloody deeds, the our Catholic friends and allies entertained whatever nameless motive it may be at to be so divided against itself, as to be un- thenticity of the Old and New Testaments? rious charge in the Kingdom of Great cruel martyrdoms, and horrible persecu- religious principles incompatible with the tributed, I verily believe, that not one- able of themselves, to conform to any uni- With what weapons could we combat the Britain, where, from the peculiar charac- tions, which the Catholics in their infu- freedom and safety of the Country, and third of the people of North Carolina form standard, or rule, which, in the ple- infidel notion, that these sacred books are ter of her Institutions, its tyranny and op- risted zeal, and bigotry, have inflicted on the charge then, would have been deemwould have been found willing to have nitude of its power, it may prescribe for spurious in their divine character, and are pression is most sorely felt; and perhaps, the Protestants. Is this, sir, a fair and ed base and treasonable ingratitude committed the destinies of our good old others. What are the truths of the Pro- the productions of mere mortal men, un- Sir, the assertion of its existence here, is legitimate argument? Have we met to- Who periled his life, his fortune and his State, and the formation of an entirely testant Religion ? A belief in the Trin- aided by inspiration from above ? Sir, made without reference to the dissimilar- gether here, to administer the law of re- all, in the establishment of civil and relinew Constitution, to an unlimited Conven- ity, in the divine authenticity of the Old when the Protestant demolishes the Chris- ity in the civil and political Institutions taliation? Why do gentlemen, who on gious freedom on this side of the Atlantion. Nay Sir, in these times of trouble and New Testaments, the sanctifying in-and distrust, there would not be found on fluences of the holy Eucharist, Baptism, Church, he destroys his own hopes of In England, there is an union of ans, that all men are by nature free and vention, the name of Lafayette-and with other occasions shout their patriouc pa- tie? Need I, sir, mention to this Conthis floor ten advocates, in favor of the &c. These Sir, constitute the standard salvation hereafter-he cuts up by the Church and State, and the King is recog- equal, and that in this boasted land of li- him, his associates in deeds of noble daexercise of this unlimited power, and of and fundamental truths of the Protestant very roots, the saving faith upon which nized by law as the supreme head of both; berty, it is a natural and unalienable right ring, in behalf of that sacred cause, Rothe surrender on the part of the people religion, and form the leading articles of he stands-he revites and abjures the and the Catholics acknowledge the Pope to worship Almighty God according to chambeau, Pulaski, De Kalb and others, of that sovereignty, which is always least what is denominated the Protestant faith. same sacred Trinity, and Holy Ordinan- as the supreme head of their Church - the dictates of our own conscience, refuse the Catholic delenders and supporters of to be feared, when confined to its appro- If it be admitted that these are the truths ces, which in his own Church, he profes- Here, Sir, is an obvious conflict for su- now to give a practical illustration of the civil and religious liberty, whose gallant priate and legitimate sphere. I will not of the Protestant religion,' the Catholic ses to worship and love-he rejects the premacy, which is reputiated as belong- sincerity of their declaration? Have the exertions in our Revolutionary struggle, stop to enquire whence arises this melan does not deny it-he religiously believes same Bible, which is the standard of ing eather to the King or the Pope by Protestants been guilty of no excesses ? to maintain these inalienable rights of choly state of affairs, but will only re- them all, but he is to be excluded from their common faith, and deriving, as he subjects of the same realm, according to I will not condescend, Mr. Chairman, to man, give the lie to the assertion that their mark, that to my mind it affords one of office, because in the plentude of his faith must, his only authentic knowledge of their different Religious persuasions or expose the hideous frailty, the cruel per- religion is dangerous to the cause of freethe strongest arguments, why the ancient he believes more-his taith does not stop Revelation and a hereafter, through this predilections-the Protestant Episcopali- secutions, and moral depravity of either dom. Our country cannot too often reand well established order of things short at the right place-it is too latitu-should be as little upset, as the necessity dinarian, "for the freedom and safety of and authenticity, whilst he refuses to re-tholic for the Pope. So intimate is this weighing them in golden balances to as-important services, and let us not slander of our situation, and the change in our the State." The absurdity to which this cognize her sacred and christian charac- connection in England, between the Pro- certain on which side the scale of guilt the memory of the illustrious dead, by political condition, can possible require. train of reasoning will lead us, conclusive- ter. The Catholic believes in a future testant Episcopalian Church and the State, will preponderate. It argues a want of imputing to their religion, a motive so ut-Our State, rich in talent and worth as ly shews the utter mutility of retaining state of rewards and punishments-that that the King, upon his coronation, when Christian charity, to visit the sins of their terly variant from the cause which they she is in her exhaustless mineral product this Article, and the cruel system of legis the righteous will be saved and the wick- asked by Arenbishop or Bishop-"Will forefathers upon the Roman Catholics of so nobly and manfully espoused." fore been little appreciated; and to me, ignorant, a snare to trap the conscience | y estranged from God, will for a time, or- the laws of God, the true profession of the declare a war of extermination against Sir, when abroad, it was a matter of pride, and to full the credulous into a deceitful pupy an intermediate state, which is dono- Crospel, and the Protestant Reformed Re- the descendants of the poor and miserable

ged with being under French influence-

tions and internal resources, has hereto- lation, which holds out to the unwary and ed lost, and that those who are not entired states. As well might you (Remainder of Mr. Bryan's Speed next each) INDIAN CASE .- At the late term of the and self-congratulation to hear her com- security. It may be remarked, that if minated, Purgatory. With a saving faith ligion, established by law? And will Jews, because their forefathers in the United States Circuit Court, held in Comended for those monuments of wisdom, be a mere brutum fulmen-if the Catholic like this, he has a right to believe his to you preserve to the Bishops and Clergy blindness of their infatuation and relent- lumbus, an Indian case of much and petaste, and refinement-her old Constitu- can hold office notwithstanding its exist- be the true and Apostolic Churches com- less persecution, murdered the Redeemer culiar interest, was decided, in which sertion, and her inimitable statue of Wash- ence, and he is not excluded by its practi- in so doing, he does not interfere with mitted to their charge, all such rights and, of the world ! Why preach this crusade eral individuals, citizens of the State, ington. But alas! how similar is their cal operation, why alter, or amend it ?- the religious privileges as by law do and shall apper- against the Catholic Church? Why stood indicted for stealing borses from melancholy fate! The hand of power Sir, if such be its practical effect why re- ly entertains that beinef, which every Pro tain unto them, or any of them?"-is take upon ourselves the awful responsi- 'friendly Indians' residing in the Wyanhas stripped the former of its fair propor- tain it? Why do its advocates hold on to testant sect triumphantly claims for its bound to answer on oath-"All this I pro- bility of denouncing this ancient Reli- dotte Reservation, in Crawford countytions, its just, and liberal exercise of pow- it with such determined pertinacity, and own. The Catholic is charged with ad- mise to do." And moreover, he is com- gious sect? What if this be the true A- These persons had previously been indicter, and many of its wise, and wholesome evince so much reluctance to part with vocating the heretical opinion, that the pelled to repeat and subscribe the decla- postolic Church, against which the Sa- ed before the State Court within the cirregulations; whilst the ruthless and un-merciful element, has struck the "living cumbrance to the Constitution, and in the sertion, is false. If the doctrines of the statute of Charles. And this, Sir, is not of hell shall not prevail? Persecution. mitted, when Judge Higgins decided that marble" of the latter, dumb and speech- minds of many gives doubt and uncer- Catholic Church conform to the sacred all-the Catholic, before he is permitted sir, never did effect the object for which the case was not within the jurisd less, disrobed it of its matchless mantle, tainty to the construction of that instru- word of God, and the traditions of the to enjoy office, was required to pass thro' it was intended-it seldom fails to create the State Court. From this the case despoiled it of its beauteous symmetry, and left it a melancholy ruin, over which ge-certain, and well defined. But Sir, I be-sources of divine truth are exempt from Test Acts; which may safely be pro-of its victim, and instead of crushing its murrer filed by the defendants, which are nius, in its gloomy despondency, may tru-ly exclaim, "we ne'er shall look upon its like again." But Sir, it is a gratifying re-like again." But Sir, it is a gratifying redection, and an apt illustration of the val-that this great and mighty revolution in public sentiment, has been effected, not
in public sentiment, has by the bayonet and sword, but by the con- and oppression, and exhibits to the liberal of being a reproach and ground of perse- cording to the rites of the Church of volution of 1688, had done any essential It is strong and lucid in its exposition of by the onyoner and sword, out by the con-stitutional exercise of the free, and uncon-trolled opinions, of a majority of our fel-fears and misconceptions of our forefathers relief his faith in the sacred scriptures, and they enjoined upon him the absolute necessity of taking the oath of where the gentleman from Warren. (Mr. Edwards.) that a great and inscence in the free by the state in the gentleman from Warren (Mr. Edwards.) that a great and inscence in the free by the tears and inscence in the free by the state in the free by