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STATE CONVENTION. DEBATE the Thirty-Second Article. [Mr. Bryan's Speech Concluded.] he nincteenth article of our Bill kights, the broad and liberal ration is made, othat all men natural and inalienable right rship Almighty God, acrord the dictates of their own free will. Can you, sir, afundamental principles? Know not that an attempt to do so laced those invaluable guaranof the rights of man, Magna rta, the petition of right, the ural right is superior to these le of worship, and we are proe that he would make a danproven to be a distinction withre foreigners whom the policy and stitutions of our country have inled to our shores. If their Reliis dangerous to the Govern-

great and highminded State.

Catholic religion in the old coun- "In the Constitution of North bing each other, as one sect or de- rites of the church. This in the first notwithsanding their religion, actry in other times, what has been Carolina there is a clause restrict- nomination of Protestants, may gain instance must degrade and profane a quire the confidence and esteem of fience," and in the thirty- its history in our own country, on ing offices of trust and profit, to the power and ascendancy in our Le- rite which never ought to be taken the people of America, by their good Article of the Constitution this side of the Atlantic? I beg the those who believe in the truth of the gislature! This two edged sword but from a sincere principle of de- conduct and practice of xirtue, they expressly laid down, that there attention of the Committee to the Protestant Religion. This singular should be deprived of its keen and ration. To a man of have princi- may be chosen. I leave it to genbe no establishment of any one following extract, from a learned feature now strikes every one with merciless sharpness. gious Church in this State, in and distinguished Protestant author; astonishment, and provokes the al | I would beg, Mr. Chairman, to civil policy. The intention was to bability there is of the people's Maryland a sanctuary where all Religion." ution, to which I have just al- ceitful character; for whilst South possessed of more talent and ability, bate in our Convention of 1788, updo we surrender our judgment and fundamental rule in relation to devotion to the Protestant Episco- for troubling this Convention with our sectarian interests! Treason servants and their religious privi- pal faith and the High Church party, their remarks. ainst the Government! Why, leges, that "Religion ought to alter and their consistent and unwavering Mr. Henry Abbott expressed his

gions of the Catholic troops of an analysis of the Catholic troops of an analysis of the Catholic troops of an analysis of the country. With materials like injurious consequences. Mr. Iredell, with those of Spain and Por- authority, to seek for the mutive these, it may well be imagined, that of whom I have taken an opportugal - Catholic armed against which induced our fathers to adopt the High Church party were anx nity on a former occasion during this atholic, upon the bloody fields of this article; and may it not be found jous to preserve the religious faith Convention to express my very great astria, in mortal strife-the same in the persecuting spirit of the of their ancestors, and to protect it admiration and respect, immediatene of deadly hostility between Puritans in this country, and in the with the strong arm of the funda- ly replied othat he did not expect atholic brethren, deluging with violent religious contests for power mental law of the land-and the any objection to this particular regtheir very life's blood the sunny in the mother country, from the time more is this opinion entitled to credulation, which is calculated to preclude of Italy and the vine clad hills of Henry the Eighth to William the it, since the Bill of Rights and Convent evils of the most pernicious con-France? Nay, sir, have we not Third; for, sir, history informs us, stitution was said to be the produc- sequences to Society. Every person on the Catholic acmies of France that this struggle for ascendancy, tion of Thomas Jones, a disting in the least conversant in the histoonquering the Pope himself, and and succession to the throne, be-guished and determined member of ry of mankind, knows what dreadfory and facts furnish to the ad- gor and severity, until the infatuat- and oppressive character of this ar- the color of religious tests, the utwates of intolerance an unfortu- ed conduct of James the Second ticle, suppose the word Episcopal had most cruelties have been exercised. the commentary upon this doctrine produced the Revolution of 1688, been retained in the Constitution! Those in power have generally conallegiance to the Pope, and faith- which resulted in his abdication of What in this enlightened day would sidered all wisdom centered in themobedience to the Government, the throne, and the final establish have been the consequences? Why selves; that they had a right to dichen, sir, is there any great urgent ment of the Protestant succession Sir, the Methodists, Presbyterians, tate to the rest of mankind, and that cessity, "which knows no law." in William and Mary. To pursue Baptists, and every denomination hat requires this article to be re- this idea further, may not the fear that dissented from the Protestant Mr. Paley well remarks, "the inex- turn their attention to this momen- from the mountains to the sea shore, doctrines. The Divine Author of secutions and wars of the most bloody nature have taken place in the statutory protous period in the history and strugand pulled down this odious fabric of secutions and wars of the most bloody nature have taken place in the bigotry, and illiberality of our fathers. Well Sir, might I apply and good order, and caused them fathers. Well Sir, might I apply has set an example to mankind to to adopt some of the statutory protous period in the history and strugand pulled down this odious fabric of bloody nature have taken place in the world. America has set an example to mankind to to adopt some of the statutory protous period in the history and strugand pulled down this odious fabric of bloody nature have taken place in fathers. Well Sir, might I apply has set an example to mankind to to adopt some of the statutory pro-Tith few honorable exceptions, they visions which were framed for the positely quoted by the distinguished think more modestly and reasonably; cure universal Religious Liberty, by protection of religion. For, Mr. gentleman from Cumberland, (Mr. that a man may be of different reli- putting all sects on a level-the only Chairman, by reference to the Toomer) at the opening of this Con- gious sentiments from our own with- way to prevent persecution. I resign his station as President Third, which enacts "that if any person educated &c. in the Chris- Twist tweedle dum, and tweedle dee."

The principles of toleration, to the to this clause, which deserves, in my honor of this age, are doing away opinion, the highest approbation. the dangerous to the Governlent and incompatible with our person educated &c. in the Christitutions, will this 32d Article tian religion, shall, by writing, When we are taught "to feel the those errors and prejudices, which the credit of the Bank in the most personal attention to the institutions, will this 32d Article tian religion, shall, by writing, when at home, and tweedle dee."

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characterized the progress of the Defence of North Carolina.

have we not seen the embattled nothing in a man's civil estate," opposition to a radical innovation fears, that the abolition of all Reli-I have endeavored, Mr. Chair- and change, in all the institutions of gious Tests, would be productive of

medy the difficulty and shield us printing, teaching, or speaking, woes, that others feel;" then Sir, I have so long prevaded even in the honor of setting an example of civil ous times. In consideration of most intolerant countries. In the freedom, and I trust it will likewise services, his salary was regularly herefrom? If this be an evil, I true, or the Holy Scriptures to be of rather than the exercise of Religious have of no other remedy than the divhe authority, he shall &c. be charity prompts us to "do unto other remedy than the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars. The have the honor of teaching the rest of the world the way to religious about eleven thousand dollars.

laws, to which from the complexion office or place of trust," there seems to us." Mr. Chairman, I have been century ago. I should be sorry to be perpetuated to the end of time. of parties on this floor, there would to be such a coincidence between attached to the Protestant Episcopal find when examples of toleration are True religion is derived from a be equally as great a repugnance, the phraseology of that Statute and Church from my infancy, and taught set, even by arbitrary governments, much higher source than human as is evinced, for a liberal amend- the 32d Article of our Constitution, to believe in its saving faith and A- that this country, so impressed with laws. When any attempt is made ment of this article. When, sir, as to induce me to believe that the postolic character; but Sir, I would the highest sense of liberty, should by any Government to restrain I reflect, that there are one hundred framers of our Constitution had be the last man in this community, adopt principles on this subject that men's consciences, no good conseaud sixteen millions of Catholics that Statute in view, and the diffi- to fetter the conscience of any indi- were narrow and illiberal. I conin the world, and only fifty four culties to be remedied thereby; and vidual, or to proscribe him from of-sider the clause under consideration apprehended that Jews. Mahamemillions of Protestants, and these which would seem to have been fice, for his religious opinions .- as one of the strongest proofs that tans, Pagans &c. may be elected to split up into as many sects and de- adopted by them, with this essential Whilst all seem to admit that the could be adduced, that it was the in- high offices under the Government of nominations as "construction, con- difference, that in the Article of the Catholics are excluded by this arti- tention of those who formed this the Caited States. Those who are tortion and distortion" can give to Constitution, they do not prescribe, cle, have the Protestants nothing to system to establish a general reli- Mahometans, or any others who are the disputed points of faith, and in what manner you shall deny the fear from its operation? What pow- gious liberty in America. Were we not professors of the Christian rehaving as little charity for each truth of the Protestant religion, to er Sir, has the right to determine the to judge from the examples of reli-ligion, can never be elected to the other as some of them have for the incur the penalty of its provisions. Irnth of the Protestant Religion, and gious tests in other countries, we office of President, or other high ofpuny effort to put down the Roman ditional support, from the able pen religious principles incompatible with answer the purpose for which they if the people of America lay aside Catholic religion, as truly charac- of a distinguished young gentleman the freedom and safely of the State? are intended. What is the conse- the Christian religion altogether, it teristic of the spirit that conceived (Mr. Jos. Seawell Jones,) who has I answer Sir, the General Assembly quence of such in England! In that may happen. Should this unfortuit, and every way unworthy of a preserved the only traditionary of the State! And who can tell in all country no man can be a member in nately take place, the people will reminissence of this Article of our coming time, to what excesses and the House of Commons, or hold any choose such men as think as they If, sir, a spirit of persecution has Constitution. I quote, sir, from his enormities, this spirit of religious office under the Crown, without ta- do themselves. Another case is, if apersecution may lead us, in proseri- king the sacrament according to the ny person of such a description, should

erence to another, Ac. but all "The Legislature of Maryland had most universal condemnation of the call the attention of the Committee exclude all persons from offices, but choosing men of different sentiments ms shall be at liberty to exer- already in 1649 declared by law, educated gentlemen of the State. It to the wisdom and liberality contain the members of the Church of En. from themselves." their own mode of worship, that no persons professing the is so repugnant to the feelings of an ed in those two articles of the Con. gland. Yet it is notorious, that dist sir, are the natural and in- Christian religion should be molest- American, it is so contrary to the stitution of the United States, which senters qualify themselves for offices so high and respectable a source, are able rights of man? They are ed in respect of their Religion, or nature of our institutions; to the ve- declare that "no religious test shall in this manner, though they never entitled, Mr. Chairman, to the greatate rights, which Mr. Justice in the free exercise thereof, or be ry spirit of the Revolution, that I never be required as a qualification conform to the church on any other est respect; and when I look around kstone denominates the natural compelled to the belief or exercise was for a long time ashamed of it, to any office or public trust, under occasion; and men of no religion at upon the gray heads which surround kstone denominates the natural of mankind, and defines, of any other religion against their erty to consist in a power of gas one thinks fit, without any aint or control, unless by the aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of Maryland aint or control, unless by the catholic planters of the catholic plante f nature: being a right in. procured to their adopted country, izen to be deprived of the reward ably remarked by Mr. Justice STA- form any rite when it was convenibt in us by birth, and one of the the distinguished praise of being that was due to his merit, I consoled RY, in his commentaries upon these ent for his private interest. No test to call the attention of the Committee of God to man at his creation the first of the American States, myself with the reflection, that it Articles, that the framers of the can bind such a one. I am therefore to the Virginia Act, for the toleration of he endued him with the facul- in which toleration was established was a dead letter. Subsequent in- Constitution were fully sensible of clearly of opinion that such a dis- Religious freedom, which was the proby law; and while the Puritans vestigation into the private papers the dangers from this source (union crimination would neither be effectu- duction of the distinguished Jarranson. se or restrain this natural and were persecuting their Protestant of those who formed it has convinced of Church and State) marked out al, nor if it could, ought it by any [Here Mr. B. read the Act.] Well combile right, unless you violate brothen in New England and the me, that its importance has been in the history of other ages and means to be made. Upon the prin might that great and celebrated man Episcopalians retorting the same magnified, and that the omission of countries; and not wholly unknown ciples I have stated, I confess the severity on the Puritans in Virgin- the word Episcopal in the original to our own. They knew that bigotia, the Catholics against, whom the resolutions, or draft, was considered ry was unceasingly vigilant in its others were combined, formed in as an establishment of the Christian stratagems to secure to itself an ex. clusive ascendancy over the human authority to interfere in the estabheas Corpus Act, and the Act of might worship and none might op. Unfortunately Sir, for the honor, mind, and that intolerance was ever lishment of any religiou whatsoever, lived in any age or country, to whose dement, which the Englishman press, and where even Protestants and liberal character of our State, ready to arm itself with the terrors and I am astonished that any gentlellement, which the Englishman press, and where even Protestants and liberal character of our State, ready to arm itself with the terrors and I am astonished that any gentle-political opinions such implicit faith man should conceive they have. Is has been given; and but few men have tolerance; and Chalmers in his to be a dead letter, and as Protestant in this to be a dead letter in this to be a dead le t Laws which infringe the rights Annals remarks, that the Proprie tant is the religious antipode of resisted its infallibility. It is easy ters of Religion? Can they pass a influence of public opinion; and, sir, onscience are a violation of this taries of Carolina, for the better Catholic, no argument bowever inge- to foresee, that without some prohiht, whether contained in the encouragement of settlers, declared nious or refined, can convince it, bition of religious tests, a successful liberties? If they could, it would tatingly subscribed to his political docastitution of a Government or concurrently with the Rhode Island that the latter is not excluded. This sect in our country might by once be a just cause of alarm. If they trines, let us not evince our hereay to acts of its Legislature; for this charter (1663) that all persons opinion, Mr. Chairman, derives much possessing power, past Test laws, could Sir, no man would have more this, which he deemed coequal with settling therein should enjoy the strength, when we refer to the polit- which would secure to themselves, a horror against it than myself. Hap- the proudest and most transcendant atures of society. Then, sir, most perfect freedom in religion. ical character of a large number of monopoly of all the offices of trust pily no sect here is superior to anoth. act of his life, Jefferson was for unigag the Catholic with this ar- Thus, sir, does history redeem the those who framed our Constitution, and profit under the National Go. er. As long as this is the case, we gag the Catholic with this arThus, sir, does history redeem the those who framed our Constitution, and profit under the National Go.
which conflicts in spirit and I Catholic character in this country. The Convention was divided into vernment. The only security there, shall be free from the persecutions of his life shall be the almost say, in the letter, with and fix a reproach upon North two parties, the conservative, and the fore, was in extirpating the power, and distractions with which other obscured and swallowed up by the countries have been torn. If any obscured and swallowed up by the which of the countries have been torn. If any obscured and swallowed up by the countries have been torn. If any obscured and swallowed up by the countries have been torn. He is permitted by the Carolina, conscious of the induce- sought to preserve the right of pro- on these very articles of the Constiestitution to exercise his own ments and hopes held out by the perty, with as little departure as tution of the United States, by some Proprietary Government to the possible from the civil and religious of the very men who contributed are not authorized to pass by the of the great rights of man. I will not ited from establishing any one Catholics to settle among them, institutions of the mother country, largely to the formation of our State igious Church. You regard adopted the same spirit of religious the latter seeking the other extreme Constitution? And who does not as a harmless citizen, but be- tolerance into her Constitution, our evinced a desire to reduce the whole with pride and exultation of feeling own State, with the same knowl- political system, to the lowest radi- admire the high-toned liberality of ous officer! This, in practice, edge, and under the same high and calism, and wildest democracy.— feeling, and sentiment expressed in bonorable obligations, proscribed Among those who belonged to the their speeches? The apposite chara difference, but I can well con- them with the intolerant article now former party, will be found the emi- acter of that debate, to the one in ve, that to a heated and bigoted under discussion. And I may add, nent names of men, who were dis- which we are now engaged, and the agination, it is fraught with trea- that even Locke, in his Constitution tinguished for their love of the dig- great talent and integrity of the to the Government. So easily, of Carolina, lays down the broad nity and ceremony of State, their Speakers, may afford some apology

ment to pass such an act? It is not "divinity which stirs within us."

contend for? This is the foundation ble health, warn me to cease; and people in power were always in the right and every body else wrong, have favored my remarks. right and every body else wrong. If you admit the least difference, onquering the Pope himself, and and succession to the throne, be- guished and determined member of ry of mankind, knows what dread. The door to persecution is opened, the door to persecution is opened. Nor would it answer the purpose, the dark cloud of war lowered over the purpose, the dark cloud of war lowered over the purpose, was continued with unremitted vi- practical illustration of the unjust by religious persecutions. Under sects would comply with the test. Tennessee's chivalry, fed upon acorns and the best men only be kept out of in the enemy's country, HUOH L. our councils. But it is never to be Warrz left the judicial bench, with supposed that the people of America its salary of office, and penetrated the which resulted in his abdication of the Pope, and faithedience to the Government.
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all opposition to their tenets was prothat they had a right to dicthat they had a right to dicthe throne, and the throne, and the they had a right to dicthat the throne, and the throne, and the they h torable member is silent; and as of things, have induced them to as one mighty and united people, that each Church has in turn set it. self up sgainst every other, and persecutions and wars of the most doctrines. The Divine Author of Globe would brand with sorruption!

ples, it is made a mere instrument of tlemen's candor to judge what pro-Opinions like these, emanating from

declare that he wanted no other epirestriction on the power of Congress taph on his tomb, than the simple but single act to impair our religious whilst so many of us have so unhesiversal toleration; and "when through future Congress should pass an act plar favorite, "the glowing memory" concerning the religion of the coun-try, it would be an act which they this Act, as the imperishable manifesto Constitution, and which the people lend my feeble aid to impair those would not obey. Every one would rights-I will not tamper with conask, "who authorized the Govern- science-I will not offer a bribe to that warranted by the Constitution, and would not close the avenues of preferis a barefaced usurpation!" The ment, to any of the children of the power to make treaties can never be great family of mankind, for I have too supposed to include a right to estab-lish a foreign religion among our-selves, though it might authorize a toleration of others.

But it is objected, that the peo-But it is objected, that the peo- the spirit of religious liberty and toleple of America may perhaps choose ration may form "one of the polished Representatives who have no reli- corners of her temple," and God grant, gion at all, and that Pagans and Ma- that the feelings of affection which we hometans may be admitted, into of have here evinced for each other, may fices. But how is it possible to ex like the star of the East, proclaim clude any set of men, without taking throughout her borders, peace and away that principle of religious free-good will to all mankind. Mr. Chairdom which we ourselves so warmly man, my exhausted strength and feeon which persecution has been rais. should be ungrateful indeed, if I failed ed in every part of the world. The to appreciate the kind and indulgent

(Debate to be continued .)

During the time he was President of the old State Bank of Tennessee he was appointed one of the Com friends being unwilling that he should out being a bad member of Society. thought nobody would have objected Bank, he corresponded with them