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DGE GASTON'S SPEECH CONCLUDED.

wil power did not take place for many ries after christianity was first promuld to the world, it became at length so ral, that when the American Colonies settled, there was no country in En which had not its established Church e train of this establishment, followed usual consequences of Intolerance ersecu ion. He who did not believe acng to law, was punished as a disloval Degrad-d. fined, imprisoned, pluning the first to assert this noble truth, s to the illustrious founders of the Ca y on all matters of our early history, o fear from any prejudice or partiality

the head of the founders of Maryland George Calvert, Lord Baltimore,-He gentleman of high character, talents which he held as one of the two Secreof State to James the First, While tary, he had obtained a Patent for the hern promontory of Newfoundland, and

ty of all christian sects. The assylum apist was the spot, where, in a remote th had been as yet unexplored, the mild estance of a proprietary adopted Reli-sfreedom as the basis of the State."— to 262] "Memorable was the character he Marylan I Institutions Every other by had persecuting laws. at will not was the outh of the Governor of Mary "I will not, by myself or any other this ly or indirectly trouble, molest, or dismienance any person professing to begion." 'Under the mild institutions and icence of Baltimore, the dreary wildersoon bloomed with the swarming life activity of prosperous settlements, Catholics were oppressed by the s of England, were sure to find a peacesaylum in the quiet harbours of the Ches ske; and there too Protestants were shel-ed against Protestant intolerance." [Do. against Protestant intolerance." [Do. Yes sir, white the Puritans persecut he Episcopalians in New England, and palians persecuted the Puritans in ginia, the oppressed of every province and freedom and security in Maryland.— The disfranchised friends of Prelacy from thusetts, and Puritans from Virginia, his in the Roman Catholic Province of Mad. [Ditto 277.] The early history of cland is one on which the eye delights faell; it is the history of benevolence ude and toleration. The Biographer more could with truth assert, Government, in conformity with his ince to any person in Maryland, ed freedom of conscience not less than

ever did any people in any place of

followers in this country, seized the govern-ment of Maryland, and administered the affairs of the province by a Board of Commis sioners. The result is thus described by the Historian. "Intolerance followed upon this arrangement, for parties in Maryland had become identified with Religious sects. The puritans, ever the friends to popular liberty, hosile to a monarchy, and equally so to a heroditary proprietary, contended earnestly for civil liberty, but had neither the gratitude to respect the rights of the Government by which they had been received and fostered, nor magnanimity to continue the tol-eration to which alone they were indebted for their continuance in the colony. A new A-sembly convened at Paturet, acknowledged the authority of Gromwell, but'it also exasperated the whole itomish party by their vanton disfranchisement. An act concernalthough this alliance of Religion and ing Religion confirmed the freedom of conscience, provided the liberty were not extended to Popery Prelacy, or ficentiousness of op nion." (Pretty extensive exceptions!) Yet Cromwell, remote from the scene of strife, was not betrayed by his religious prejudices into an approbation of the ungrateful decree. He commanded the Commission ers not to busy themselves about Religion, but to settle the Civil Government."

the vestern side of the Atlantic transfer of the Religious Society of the Religious Society of the Atlantic transfer of the Religious Society of the Atlantic transfer of the Religious Society of t simple proposition of the sauctity of conscience. The civil magis rate should restrain crime but "Colony of Maryland. Every friend of never control changing should pushed guide but never throughout the world owes a large of gratitude to these benefactors of the never violate the freedom of the soul," (1 Bancorf's History 398.) "In the unwavering assertion of his views, he never changed his position; to lay before the Committee some no of them and their doings, well worthy tremembered and which I have taken remembered and which I have taken his extreme old age, it was the last pulsation of his his extreme old age, it was the last pulsation of his heart. But it placed the young emigrant in the history of the United States." The direct opposition to the whole system upon the love of truth and ability, by which Massachusetts was founded, and gentle ork is characterized, render it an au and forgiving as was his temper, prompt as he you all matters of our early history, was to concede every thing which honesty perathis subject especially, there is nother mitted, he always asserted his belief with temperate firmness and unbending benevolence,"
[Ditto 399 ] It was impossible that with these fixed principles of enlarged liberality he should not often have come in opposition to the ficree bribes to lure men to profess a faith d'etrines which then obtained. The persecuted which they do not believe, inflict no pen-Pilgrims of Massachusetts were such zealous It has been asked whether Catholics telligent and most pious followers of lovers of Civil and Religious Freedom that they what their understandings approve, and can be signed to surrender the high ofspitch he held as one of the two Secrewho has a constant to high character, takens and the purest lovers of Civil and Religious Freedom that they alties to deter them from embracing the lovers of Civil and Religious Freedom that they alties to deter them from embracing to do not believe in the power of the Redeemer, could for one moment aday's journey from the Rome. 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It was objected to him, that his to advert to some observations which principles subverted all good government. The have been thrown out in the course commander of the vessel of State, replied Wilthe Statutes were to be established the statute were to be established the advice and approbation of the mast the divide and approbation of the mast the Civil Magistrate may not intermeddle even ant in religion, hy securing to all pre-and future liege people of the English nd future liege people of the English ing force to engage the whole and every interest without distinction of sect or party, and conscience to preserve the common liberty leave to transport themselves and their and peace." [Ditto 401, 402.] Compelled to only through the medium of their ies to Maryland Christianity was by fly because of these obnoxions opinions, in winharter made the law of the land, but no ter snow, and stormy weather, for burteen weeks erence was given to any sect, and equal-not knowing what bread or bed did mean, often n religious rights, not less than in civil without fire, food or companion, often without a dom was assured." [1 Bancroft's Histo-guide and with no shelter but a bollow tree, he dom was assured." [1 Daniel dom was assured." [1 Daniel dom was assured." [1 Daniel dom was assured." [20.] "Calvert deserves to be ranked among the Narragan purchased an extensive Territory of Rhode Island, it is security and peace by the practice in all evil things, and God alone respected as gious security and peace by the practice in all evil things, and God alone respected as its the relation of poper the ruler of conscience. Admirable as is the relation of the present of the present of the present of the present of the purchased an extensive Territory of Rhode Island, it is considered. recognizing the rightful e- his persecuters. When a most formidable con-hristian sects. The assylum spiracy was about to be formed between the Pead Narragansetts, for the destruction of Massachusetts, this excellent man not the first to communicate intelligence of the pending mischief, but encountered every extremity of ing misshief, but encountered every extremity of peril to avert it. Taking shipping, alone, in a wretched cance, he hastened to the house of the Sachem of the Narragansetts." The Pround ambassadors, seeking with blood, were already there, and for direct days and night the business compelled him to lodge and mix with them, having cause every night to expect their knives at his throat. The Narragansetts were unwavering, but he succeeded in diss living the lormidaing; but he succeeded in dissolving the formida-ble conspiracy. It was the most intrepid and successful achievment in the whole Pequod

War; an action, as perilous in its execution, as it was fortunate in its issue. Ditto 430, 431 ] in which the equality of all Christian sects was established as a rule of fundamental law. It could not but be however, that a principle so simple, so liberal, so humane, so wise, should make its way to universal adoption where not opposed by inveterate prejudice or artificial policy. As soon as the Revolution broke out, the People of the other Colonies or States began to proclaim the principle of religious freedom. It is asserted, as we have to proclaim the principle of religious of person and estate, as amount of the Church he list surface of these, and to their answers. The poor, who feel their consciences opposed whose death both Houses of the Legislature of North Carolina unanimous of the Church of Rome, the jurisdiction of the loss of the list surface of the list surface of the loss of the last surface of the season of the least surface of the least surface of the season of the least surface of the least surface of the least surface of the least surface of th

or incur incapacity, because of religion, whether he be Jew or Gentile, Christian or Infidel, Heretic or Orthothe support of human power either to convince the understanding or to regulate the heart. Dare not to define divine truth, for it belongs not to your functions and you may set up falsehood and error in its stead. Prohibit, restrain and punish as offences against human society all practices insulting to the faith, the institutions, and the worship of your People, but offer no alties to deter them from embracing

It is not without hesitation, Mr.

no opportunity of knowing them personally, and have learned their tenets

prohibition of a State Religion are accompanied by the strange clause we are now examining. It would seem as though men cannot open their eyes suddenly on too bright a light. So in the Constitution of New Jersey, care is youd the power of legislative action, while with respect to others, though no point has there been a more while with respect to others, though no exclusion is pronounced, the same security is not given. But finally, in every other of the tweoty-four States of this Union, perfect Religious Freedom, perfect Religious opinions, in any transactions Parliament, and the assumption of all power ration of Religious freedom and this, is derived, though not to the same any civil authority, power, jurisdic- It is not enough that they shall confess Union, perfect Religious Freedom, per- enforced only by spiritual censures- Religious opinions, in any transactions is orthodox, but this practice disqualifect equality of sects, an entire exemption from religious sects, are now solution from religious sects, are now solution from religious sects, are now solution to his country or his fellow which rest all their Institutions. This salutary principle has spread across the with a man's spiritual concerns .- astonishment that it could be thought therefore give it without hesitation. I Atlantic and triumphed over the mis-rule and inveterate usage of the an-Church has any temporal power or tury, and in a country so enlightened tians of every denomination, but of all cient Governments there. With scarce- any right to interpose in the regula- as England, to propose such enquiries, the religious observances with which I ly an exception, it now prevails tions of Government, and hold them-throughout all Europe, and Religious selves bound to resist, even unto 1st, Tha the Pope, or Cardinals, or sect, none so effectually as this, comopinions are no longer there a qualification for, or an incapacity for Civil
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not any civil authority, power, juriscrime or restrains irregular appetite shall prove recreant in this noble strife for securing the sanctity of conscience and purity of religion? Shall we afford to the bigots, the fanatics; and the friends that the doctrile was well not any civil authority, power, juris-diction, or preeminence whatsoever, within the Realm of England. 2dly, Christian, and above all, the Catholic That the Pope, or Cardinals, or any the intense hatred, has yet the bigots, the fanatics; and the friends et. Degrad dined imprisoned, plunl and proscribed at home, because of
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to worship God a Ball to a God a cause of Intolerance? I hope not. I quarrelled with the Pope, and but their oath of allegiance upon any preman morals. Let those Christians trust that we shall act up to the axiom recently put out of the pale of Cathotext whatsoever; and 3dly, That there who reject the practice as one too huproclaimed in our Bill of Rights, and lic communion; when she was the a- is no principle in the tenets of the miliating to be borne, and who deny permit no man to suffer inconvenience vowed champion of Protestantism, and Catholic Faith, by which Catholics are that it has sufficient warrant for its dox. Pollute not the ark of God with the very moment of her utmost peril any transactions either of a public or unholy touch. Divine Truth needs not —she committed the chief command a private nature.

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It has also been asked, whether

was opposed to the invincible Armada, Catholics do not believe that they can into the hands of a known and exem- procure forgiveness of any sin, simply plary Catholic, Lord Howard, of Ef- by confessing it to a Priest? At times, fingham. And nobly, was that con- sir I acknowledge that I have been irfidence requitted. She knew, and his retated, but far oftener have I been a conduct shewed, that he recognized mused, at the strange notions enter- little, and prove still less. Let me no Sovereign but the Sovereign of his tained & the strange inquiries made a-Country, and that his religious prin- bout Catholic doctrines. That it should English freedom, but the Catholic ciples rendered him but the more enter into the head of any man, that prelates and Barons at Runny-mede?

duties as a subject.

a distinction between oaths. Usually, such an enquirer entertain of a Catho- months. Was William Tell, the oaths are taken to render more bind- lic? Does he take him-I dont ask founder of Swiss Liberty, a Royalist? ing obligations, which a man con- for a Christian-but for a rational be- Are the Catholics of the Swiss Canommander of the vessel of State, replied Wilsherwards obtained a Patent for a tract is
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George Calvert "far from guarding his to stop a Church from apostacy and heresy," and to stop a Church from apostacy and heresy," and to stop a Church from apostacy and heresy," and the existing in stop a church from apostacy and heresy," and the guard protection should be extended to stop a church from apostacy and heresy," and the existing in stop a church from apostacy and heresy," and the most into the consideration should be extended to stop a church from apostacy and heresy," and them by in silence, might be consideration to keep it, even if through it on an election day. Stopping at a public house, he met with some of the States, express themselves that equal protection should be extended. In an oath had not been superadded. The effrontery with which the contrary is asserted, does not at all prevent it from being a downright calumtor of his principles upon Society. "The removal ought to be made for honest ignorate to conversation on the subject of the yoke of soul oppression, to use the words and in-the legislative franchise of the people, to conversation on the subject of the obligation to keep it, even if through it on an election day. Stopping to an oath had not been superadded. In an oath had not been superadded. The effrontery with which the contrary is asserted, does not at all prevent it from being a downright calumtor of his principles upon Society. "The removal ought to be made for honest ignorate in their sate of the states, express themselves and oath had not been superaded. In an oath had not been superaded. vilify their foes, disregard that awful one of them, "you all go for Major A. ed title to claim from her justice the command of God, "Thou shalt not here—you used to support him, tooth equal rights of citizenship, as the price bear false witness against thy neigh- and nail, in old times." "Why, no, of our blood spilt under your eye, and enemies, cannot be much blamed for bor." There is another class of oaths, sir," answered the good man, 'we are of our common exertions for her decrediting the most ridiculous false-called vows—solemn promises made not so mighty much for him as we fence, under your auspicious conduct."

This great man who was utterly inthe allegiance of Catholics to the Pope be spiritual only, and the learned be spiritual only, and the learned church itself which may have exacted them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. In these, when a fit case is presented or believed to be presented them. 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If quite can- examples of justice and liberality; and far as she has parted with her sove- be released, but it is impossible not did, they will admit that the first time I presume that your fellow-citizens reignty, to the United States of to admit that there are cases in which they saw one, they peered in his face will not forget the patriotic part which America. The charge that Catholics a compliance with a vow ought not to for the horns which should decorate his you took in the accomplishment of their owe allegiance to the Pope, is wholly be enforced, and it is safer that the brow, then turned their eyes dawn to Renolution and the establishment of fulse. Spread over the whole earth individual should not himself be the examine his cloven feet, and finally their Government, or the important as speaking different tongues—subjects judge in his own case. Perhaps the cast a sly glance behind to get a peep sistance which they receive from a navor citizens of different Governments history of Jeptha may furnish an apt at the whiskery and pendulous ornation in which the Roman Catholic faith beings of different races and complections—they are connected by a to have been kept. In the course of to regard as the appropriate appendage of the Imps of Satan. It cannot tion of the Convention to some of the same faith, which constitutes them one the dispensers of its mysteries should be expected, that I should enter into names subscribed to this address. Next in the roll of the illustrious Spiritual family or Church. For the devote themselves by a solemn vow, a detailed explanation of the Catholic mong them are those of John Carroll, to a life of perpetual celibacy. Extenets on the subject of Confession. Freedom the basis of their Institutions an Ecclesiastical or Spiritual Governin which it has been thought justifiable settled doctrine of the Catholic Church, Carrollton and Thomas Fitzsimmons Poen. His colony of Pennsylvania ly confined to the Bishops of the sever- to release or dispense with this yow. was planted, grew, and thrived under al Dioceses, and of these, the first in Oppressors in all ages and in all counthe auspices of the same wise and liber-rank and jurisdiction is the Bishop of tries set up pretexts for oppression, al policy. Maryland, Rhode Island Rome. To him, subject to well deand Pennsylvania, before the Ameri- fined laws and well ascertained usage, the exclusion of Irish Catholics from can Revolution were the only countries is committed the chief administration, a share of political power was sought

engaged in a tremendous war with justified in not keeping faith with introduction into the Church, calmly, the Catholic Monarch, !hilip of Spain, Heretics, or other persons differing resolutely and conscientiously oppose the brother of her deceased sister-in from them in religious opinions in the Catholic faith by argument. But

resolved to discharge faithfully his great body of the Christian world, em- The oldest-the purest democracy on uties as a subject.

It has been asked whether Catholics telligent and most pious followers of St. Marino not a day's journey from indeed the cavils of malicious cen-surers can be prevented) let me state tually witnessed. What notions can ernors, who are elected every three that pardon for sin is not to be obtained -for the character of these distinbut by faith, thorough and sincere re- guished men, if they need vouchers, I pentance, a firm purpose by God's would confidently call on the venerahelp not to sin again, a resolution, ble President of this Convention .where the crime has been injurious to Bishop Carroll was one of the best of others, to make complete recompense men, and most humble and devout of

they ought not, and such of them as are indeed Christians, will not misrepresent or traduce it. But it has been objected, that the

Catholic Religion is unfavorable to freedom, nay, even incompatible with Republican Institutions. Ingenious speculations on such matters are worth ask who obtained the great charter of

for the wrong and an application of the Christians. I shall never forget a tri-