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JUDGE GASTON'S SPEECH

although this alliance of Religion and Civil power did not take place for many years after christianity was first promulgated to the world, it became at length so usual, that when the American Colonies settled, there was no country in Eu...

Parliament, and the assumption of all power by the Lord Protector Cromwell, some of his followers in this country, seized the Government of Maryland, and administered the affairs of the province by a Board of Commissioners. The result is thus described by the Historian, "Intolerance followed upon this arrangement...

ration of Religious freedom and this 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 taken to place all Protestant sects beyond the power of legislative action...

any civil authority, power, jurisdiction, or pre-eminence whatever, within the realm of England? Second. Can the Pope, or Cardinals, or any body of men, or any individual of the Church of Rome, absolve or dispense his Majesty's subjects from their oath of allegiance, upon any pretence whatever? Third. Is there any principle in the tenets of the Catholic faith, by which Catholics are justified in not keeping faith with Heretics, or other persons differing from them in Religious opinions...

It is not enough that they shall confess that they have done the things which they ought not to have done, and left undone things which they ought to have done, but they are bound to admit themselves guilty in the sight of God, of having violated this command, and of having omitted that duty. And no pardon is pronounced, promised, invoked, expected or asked, but on the express condition of full repentance and future reformation.

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 little, and prove still less. Let me ask who obtained the great charter of English freedom, but the Catholic prelates and Barons at Runnymede? The oldest—the purest democracy on earth, is the little Catholic Republic of St. Marino...