
The Presbyterians Urged to Be Tolerant:

*"We should live like Brethren in Unity."*²³

I speak this [urging kind treatment to non-Presbyterians] on Account of the Infidels and Atheists around, who never will be perswaded to turn Religious, by any Rough treatment, or abusive Words—As also on Account of our Neighbours of the Reformed Churches in Germany. Severals of whom (as well as of my People) complain, that when they have brought their Children to this House of Worship for to be baptized Your Elders would not suffer the Minister to receive them, because the Parents were not in Church membership with You. Now Gentlemen I do not think this Treatment defensible—but rather reprehensible. . . . And I further hope, never more to hear of Your Inhospitality to Strangers, only because they are Episcopalians, and not of Your Kirk. . . .

adly. There is an External Enemy near at Hand, which tho' not formidable either to our Religion or Liberties, still is to be guarded against. These are our *Indian* Neighbours. Common Prudence, and our Common Security, requires that We should live

23. Sermon Book, IV, [303], [314-15]. Woodmason appended an explanatory note to this sermon: "N. B. In the Year 1768 I was invited by Mr. Richardson, and others of the Waxaw Settlement on the Catawba River in North Carolina, to give them A Sermon in their Meeting House in that District. Mr. Richardson (their Pastor) saying That his People were very desirous of hearing an Episcopal Minister, as they never had seen or heard an English Preacher (they being all Scotch-Irish Presbyterians) And Mr. Richardson recommending Christian Love and Peace for the Subject the following Discourse was drawn up to oblige them. But some of the Kirk Elders not being agreeable, it was never deliver'd." *Ibid.*, p. [274]. Woodmason errs in the date. According to his Journal, he arranged to exchange with William Richardson in late January, 1767. See p. 14.

like Brethren in Unity, be it only to guard against any Dangers to our Lives and Properties as may arise from that Quarter.

3dly. We have an *Internal Enemy* Not less than 100 ~~M~~ [100,000] *Africans* below us (and more are daily importing) Over these We ought to keep a very watchful Eye, lest they surprize us in an Hour when We are not aware, and begin our Friendships towards each other in one Common Death.²⁴

24. Woodmason later adds that the Presbyterians and Anglicans should unite against the New Light Baptists as their common enemy. *Ibid.*, [317].