

religion of country, strongly resembles the practices of the time,
and its ministers are v. very ^{partly} counterfeit of those "scribes and
pharisees", who bound heavy burdens on who shut up the
kingdom of heaven against men, &c. who were like whitened sepulchres, &c.
- &c. - &c. - &c. - & whom Jesus denounced as "blind guides",
and "hypocrites."

I repeat ^{it is true &} - this is not v. only point of duty,
but this also is true, for no ~~one~~ ^{one} can neglect this, & be trusted to
defend any other post, maintain any other great ~~principle~~ ^{principle}, in
v. X^m. warfare; while such subjects are popular, adherents & advocates,
can be found in multitudes, but is not at such times, or under
such circumstances that v. true believer, v. faithful servant,
is to be known. If a man will not come to v. defence
& rescue, in ~~a case of~~ ^{a cause so} pre-eminently just, ^{& true,} so
overwhelmingly & immediately important, as v. A. S. cause,
we cannot but have strong suspicions of the nature
of the ties that bind him to other prospectedly good &
religious objects; if a man will not espouse v. cause of
Christ's poor, what sympathy has he with Christ himself?
if he cannot glory in becoming, if need be, "of no reputation"
in behalf of the truth, what fellowship has he with v.
mind of Christ? We ~~too~~ cannot best say of such
men & churches, who despise & slight v. A. S. cause, as
X^m. said of v. false teachers of his days, that "inasmuch
as they "offend in one point, they are guilty of all"
- found wanting in this thing (a' thing too of such magni-
tude) ~~therefore~~ they are deserving of confidence in
nothing.

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