The question of connecting Church and State considered in the abstract, must be condemned by every intelligent American. But reflect brethren for one moment on the circumstances and the difficulties by which the ~~State~~ Society is surrounded. In the first place it is only a temporary arrangement, preparatory to the colonists taking the government into their own hands. Again, no private individual of intelligence, influence and talents sufficient to manage the concerns of the Colony, judiciously, will accept the appointment unless he is tempted by an enormous salary, which it would imprudent to give.

Therefore a minister of the gospel, who has devoted his time and talents and dedicated his life to the service of God; whose soul has been elevated above the mark of earthly rewards by the power of divine grace – who looks exclusively for his recompence in the eternal world, is better calculated to fill that station than any other character, until our coloured friends are prepared to manage exclusively their own concerns.

Respectfully yours in the bonds of the gospel

"Signed" Jno Hersey

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