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to an altar of propitiatory
sacrifice, we retained
the very word of the
Article as to the "Majestade"
& "weak brethren" —
knowing that they would
quote them at us, if
we were afraid of them.
Even in this Country —
the Law of the Land has
something to do with religion,
requiring us to stick to our
own laws in discipline, or
forfeit the protection of the
"Majestade". As to weakness
I plead guilty to being in
no sense strong if Bp. Hopkins'

book is strong: & weak I am
proud to be called if it be
weakness to hate temporality
in religion.

As a paper designed
to secure general con-
currence & signatures, I
think you will find that
we have guarded ourselves
at all points, & yet ex-
posed ourselves in terms
not to be successfully gain-
sayed. I fear Bp. Potter is
going to betray himself thro'
our caution into a very
dangerous position of conflict