

Well, to get so near to the Spanish power of Giana seemed rather unwise. Then someone said, Maybe we could go to Virginia. Well, they said, we might as well go back to England as to go to Virginia. Because in Va. at that time the law was very strict. Everyone had to attend the regular services of the regular church twice every day. I don't as they were very long — these two services, but everyone had to go. If you missed two times you were flogged publicly; if you missed three times you were put in jail for a number of weeks. And if you missed as many as 3 Sunday services you were executed. And they wanted to have their services conducting them just as they thought they ought to be/

Now these Pilgrims had a few particular unusual ideas about their services, and actually the precise pilgrim idea did not last. They came to New England and within 40 yrs. they found they could not get ministers of exactly their viewpoint and their colony did not grow greatly and in the end they simply became part of the Mass. Colony, and a part of churches established by others who came over there. Another point that makes us immediately see how question can be raised as to its real importance.

But these men were very tennacious. They wanted to ~~serve~~ serve the Lord as they felt they should serve Him and they wanted to raise their families without all this atmosphere outside that was leading them away from them. They wanted to find a place where they could go and where they could be safe, and somebody said, K. James sent over a large group of people in 1606 to Jamestown in Va., he sent over 400 men over there and they now have only about 200 left, because most of them have proven to be shiftless and unsatisfactory. Some of them have run off and joined the Indians. Others have died. Very few people are willing to go. King James thought ~~he is~~ is determined that in England we must have religion exactly as he wants it, he's also very anxious to have an English settlement in America. Maybe we can get a special provision from K. James so we can establish a colony in America. Yes but look at the difficulties. We mentioned the extreme severity of the religious laws in Va. Well if they were very near Va. they could be quite sure that it would be similarly extended to them, before very long no matter what the promises might be. Then there was the matter of the expense. How would they get the expense to go over? Then there was the matter of the tremendous danger. There in Holland they knew Francis Johnson. Francis Johnson and his brother were active leaders in the English Christian churches in Amsterdam.