

But in the south many were moving to the new Methodist church and in the north and New England, quite a few had moved to Canada.. particularly those with British sentiments. Most of the SPG workers had gone home and the evidence of the sad state of affairs is seen in Virginia where 23 parishes "disappeared" during the war and only 34 recognized clergymen answered the muster when the war was over.

b. The idea of episcopacy is not easily removed, however, and Anglicans who had been revolutionaries (mostly) began the desire for a continued church without the obligation of loyalty to England and the King. A number of moves followed the war of which the summary points are here noted:

(1) William Smith held a premature convention in 1780 and formed, with three parishes, the Protestant Episcopal Church.

(2) William White (Pennsylvanian) in 1782 convened a conference keyed to lay representation.

(3) in 1783 Smith led in the founding of the Episcopal church in Maryland.

(4) In 1784, Samuel Seabury, a Connecticut loyalist who had suffered for it and endured, after a number of meetings with other Anglicans in New England, went to England to receive ordination to the Bishopric. Unable to obtain this in England he proceeded to Scotland where the Anglican church of Scotland gave him the needed recognition.

(5) May and October of 1784 found episcopal conferences in Philadelphia and New York and out of these grew a convention in Philadelphia in 1785 that represented all but the New England churches.

(6) A new episcopal constitution was given in 1786 and in 1787 William White and Samuel Provoost received ordination to the Bishopric in England.

(7) In 1789 a pacification movement was effected with the New England and Seabury forces and the Protestant Episcopal church was firmly established. To some extent it was a low-level Anglican type communion with the laity being given a much more prominent role that was true in the Church of England.

(8) Over the next twenty years the church reintroduced itself, so to speak, in most of the eastern colonies. New bishoprics were formed and the denomination was "on its way" into the national period.