

John Blair Smith to James Madison , Hampden Sydney, 12 June 1788

...He has found means to make some of the best people here believe that a religious establisht. was in Contemplation under the new govt.—He forgets that the Northern States are more decided friends to the voluntary support of Christian Ministers, than the author or at least, the warm abettor of the Assessment bill in this State. But I detain you too long with a disagreeable subject. I conclude, with wishing you success in your meritorious effort to establish freedom & happiness on fixed & rational principles.

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