

Romans 13. Chap. 1. 1st y. Let every one
The office of Ministers is to preach the
Gospel of X. but whilst they preach
the doctrines of the Gospel, they must
not overlook its Duties: nor in stating
its Duties, must they pass by those, which
pertain to us as members of civil
Communion, any more than those
which concern us in any other station -
or relation of life. - on the contrary
Saint Paul gave to Titus, and through
him to all other Ministers this express
 injunction: but their the Professors of
Christianity, in mind to be subject

to Principals and Rulers, and to
chief Magistrates. In this also St Paul
himself hath set us an Example,
and that too with a vulgus and minute-
ness for by hand what he had resorted
to in any other Branch of Christian
Morals. There were perhaps a strong
Reason for his doing this in his Epistle
to the Romans, rather than in any
other of his Epistles. Rome was the
Head of the imperial Government
and there for a long Period, the Jews
had been in bad Repute as a
turbulent and rebellious People —
now was this without Reason —
The Jews had an Idea, that they

being his ² Representatives. Even in
Heaven he has established different Ranks
and orders amongst the Angels, and on
Earth also he has seen fit, that a
similar Order sh^d be maintained. Now
when there were but two People upon
Earth, God ordained that one should
rule the other — that Adam should rule
and that Eve sh^d. See: From that time
the Parents were the natural Governors
of their Children — and as successive Families
were formed, the rising Generation continued
under the same Head as to varieties from
the first Root. when these Varieties
became a Tribe, the original Parents:
became the Head of that ~~the~~ Tribe —

Thus as mankind were multiplied upon
Earth, the different nations too numerous
and widely spread, to be governed by one
man, they had their respective governments
some in one way, and some in
another. whatever shape the different
governments assume, still the supreme
power was Gods in whomsoever it
was vested - the Ap. tells us, there is no
power, but of God; the powers that be
are ordained of God - nay the very pillars
of the Earth are the Lords, and he
hath set the ~~of~~ upon them -
governors also are ^{from} benefactors ~~for~~ God -
The office of magistrates, is to do all in
their power for the suppressing of iniquity