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Testimony, 4011

- I. United States of America
 - A. Pandemic
 - B. Riots of 2020
 - C. Riot of January 6, 2021
 - D. Partisan Divide: Federal Congress
 - E. Social Media
 - F. Media
 - G. Federal Budget/Deficit
 - H. Race Issues: Bachelor
 - I. SCR 4004
- II. Purpose of SCR 4011
 - A. America's Founding
 - B. Remember Who We Are
- III. Constitutional Republic: Ben Franklin
- IV. History of America: Early English Settlements
 - A. "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"
 - B. Planting the Seeds of Freedom
 - 1. Charter of 1606
 - a. Virginia Company
 - 2. Preamble

We, greatly commending, and graciously accepting of, their desires for the furtherance of so noble a work, which may, by the Providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the Glory of his Divine Majesty, in propagating of Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true knowledge and Worship of God,...DO, by these our letters, Patents, graciously accept of, and agree to, their humble and well-intended Desires.
 - 3. Crown v. Self Governance: Inalienable Rights
 - 4. London Company: May, 1607, Virginia
 - 5. Plymouth company, May, 1607, Return to England
 - 6. Pilgrims
 - a. Black Acts of 1584, King Head of Church
 - b. Act Against Purities, 1593
 - c. Flight to Holland, 1607
 - d. Mayflower: 1620

VII. Biblical Integration

Who...will call in question the assertion that this is a Bible nation? Who will charge the government with indifference to religion when the first Congress of the State assumed all the rights and performed all the duties of a Bible Society long before such an institution had an existence in the world! W.P. Strickland, Early Historian

The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments. Benjamin Rush, Signer of The Declaration

The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. History will also afford frequent opportunities of showing the necessity of a public religion, from its usefulness to the public; the advantage of a religious character among private persons; the mischiefs of superstition, &; and the excellency of the Christian religion above all others, ancient or modern. Benjamin Franklin

In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness....The mere politician equally with the pious man ought to respect and to cherish them.

One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law....There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations. Joseph Story, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Appointed by President James Madison

It [the Bible] is the rock on which our Republic rests. President Andrew Jackson

The Christian religion-its general principles-must ever be regarded among us as the foundation of civil society. Daniel Webster

It was for the love of the truths of the great book [the Bible] that our fathers abandoned their native shores for the wilderness. animated by its lofty principles, they toiled and suffered till the desert blossomed as the rose [Isaiah 35:1]....The Bible is the best of books and I wish it were in the hands of everyone. it is indispensable to the safety and permanence of our institutions; a free government cannot exist without religion and morals, and there cannot be morals without religion, nor religion without the Bible. Especially should the Bible be placed in the hands of the young. it is the best school book in the world....i would that all of our people were brought up under the influence of that holy book. President Zachary Taylor

To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoy. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation...in the same proportion will the people of the nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom...All efforts made to destroy the foundations of our Holy Religion ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness. Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government-and all the blessings which flow from them-must fall with them. Jedidiah Morse

VIII. Slavery

A. George Mason: Virginia

As much as I value a union of all the states, I would not admit the southern states into the Union unless they agree to the discontinuance of this disgraceful trade [slavery].

B. Article I, Section 9:1808

C. 1789: Northwest Territory

D. 1794: Export

E. 1807: Import (January 1, 1808)

F. Civil War

G. 13th Amendment (1965)

IX. 1619 Project

X. 1776 Commission