There is still another disadvantage, which would arise from en-
forcement, what may we suppose will be the state of religion among
them in a few years, they are not sufficiently enlightened
to propagate the gospel to much extent, as soon as those
who have an imperfect idea of the Christian religion shall
confine what will be the state of society among them, unless there
are missionaries kept constantly among them? It is a prin-
ciple of human nature to embrace the doctrines of some profes-
sion; if then the true doctrine of the case is abolished, the
next thing will be a promotion of the hearts of superstitions
idolatry, and as soon as the idea of the true God is lost the
crocodile will be raised from its native mud and assume an
object of idolatry — you who have not an idea
of the many difficulties and dangers in planting a body
of people in a foreign country, take a view of the colonies
in the first settling of the U.S. your imaginations are
filled with one continued scene of faction and danger —
you may readily perceive with what difficulties it was that
the body could flourish, although composed of men brought up
in an enlightening nation and skilled in all the branches of go-
government. Their rise to eminence was very slow, though np
— traversed by a great nation, it might have been reasonably ex-
pected that body would have immediately flourished, as the inhalk-
tants were well apprised of the danger of faction; but this was not
the case; the seed of dissatisfaction immediately taking root, excited
a spirit of rebellion; often was it resolved on to desert their improved
spot, but by the exertions of some few, who had the interest of
the settlement at heart, this disposition, faction was quelled.