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THE VOICE OF PATIENCE AND THE COURAGE OF THINGS

The voice of patience and the courage of things,
Allow that laws superior are to kings,
None but delinquents would have justice cease :
Knaves rail at laws, as soldiers rail at peace.
For justice is the end of government,
As reason is the test of argument.

No man was ever yet so void of sense,
As to debate the right of self-defence :
A principle so grafted in the mind,
With nature born, and does like nature bind.
Twisted with reason, and with nature too,
As neither one nor t'other can undo.
Nor can this right be less than national ;
Reason which governs one, should govern all,
What e'er the dialect of courts may tell ;
He that his right demands can use of steel.
Which right, if 'tis by governor's deny'd,
May be procur'd by force of foreign aid ;
For tyranny's a nation's term of grief,
As folk's cry Fire, to hasten in relief ;
And when the hated word is heard about,
All men should come to help the people out.

Thus England groan'd ; Britannia's voice was heard ;
And great Nassau to rescue her appear'd :
Call'd by the universal voice of fate,
GOD and the people's legal magistrate.

Ye powers in regard ! almighty Jove look down !
And view thy mur'd monarch on the throne !
On their ungrateful heads due vengeance take,
Who sought his aid, and then his part forsake.
Witness, ye powers ! it was our call alone,
Which now our pride makes us assum'd to own :
Britannia's troubles fetch'd him from afar,
To court the dreadful casualties of war,
But where requital never can be made,
Acknowledgment's a tribute seldom paid.

He dwell in bright Maria's circling arms,
Defended by the magick of her charms,
From foreign Fears, and from Domestic Harms.