

ver broken upon ourselves. We have, in fact, enjoyed all the sunshine of repose and the serenity of Peace. Our fields do not hold the bones of the slain, and our rivers are unpolluted by blood. Of burning cities, of plundered property, of industry suspended, of families driven to wander without a home, and perhaps to perish by want; of all the alarms and distractions, the sufferings and losses, the arbitrary violences of war, we here have known nothing but by report. In the mean time we are not called upon, in the same way with our fellow-subjects at home, to bear our share of those public burthens which are so heavily augmented by protracted war; an indulgence highly desirable in a young country, but one surely which should teach us to shew in every *voluntary public offering* that forwardness of spirit which St. Paul commands in the liberality of the Corinthians: "*I know*" says he "*the forwardness of your minds for which I boast of you to them of Macedonian, that Achaia was ready a year ago and your zeal hath provoked many.*"

We shall be the more ready to join hands in this design when we consider it as a striking instance of that change in the manners of the world which has been produced by the Gospel of CHRIST. Before the influence of the Gospel had operated, humanity was a virtue almost confined to the present impulses of feeling which were excited by such objects as obtruded themselves. That steady and enduring