

who do well, they must be revered, they must be upheld. Let not, then, past slights, or even injustice, rendered peculiarly painful by insult which you as a body may have sustained from certain persons clothed with authority, in the Province, cause you now to withhold your aid from the Government. Let it be known to all men that your loyalty at least is not the loyalty of expediency, depending on mere contingencies, but the loyalty of principles drawn from the word of the living God. Let it be known that you honour the Sovereign, and will not meddle with them that are given to change, because you fear God and honour Him, who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And, oh, let it never be said of you, that the day of your country's calamity, was a day desired for revenge, the revenge either of sullen indifference or of active hostility. Did we apprehend any thing of this, instead of now addressing you in confidence, we should not know where to hide our heads for shame. But, no, Brethren, if we are again to be assailed by traitors within the Colony, or by banditti from without, we have merely to say, that of your loyalty and firmness, we entertain not a doubt. We do not need to stir up your courage, or confirm your loyalty. You have inherited both these qualities from sires who have seldom turned their backs on the foe, and never yet turned their backs on the throne. Throw yourselves, then, *if the worst comes to the worst*, betwixt the Government of the country and these enemies of all law and order. And when the common danger is repelled, and this insolence and madness of rebellion for ever driven from the land, then turn your faces to the Legislature and the Throne, and demand, as one man, with uplifted voice, what British justice cannot, and will not, withhold.

And need we add, in fine, that as Christian men you will look to the Great God as your judge and protector in these times. If it be incumbent upon us in ordinary circumstances constantly to realize a present God, whose eye is ever on us, whose goodness supplies all our wants, and whose Almighty arm alone protects us from evil, surely Brethren, it is peculiarly proper, in times of difficulty and danger, to exercise strong faith in the goodness, wisdom and power of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He whose care extends to the meanest creatures, will not forsake his own children amidst perplexities and trials. It is true, alas how painful the truth, that we have by our many sins, more especially our unfaithfulness to our Christian obligations, grievously provoked the Lord, not only to chastise us, but to give us over to death. Yet, Brethren, our God hath not forgotten to be gracious. In sincere penitence flee to him for mercy through the blood of his Son. To a prayer hearing God make your supplications, and on a covenant-keeping God cast all your care. For, be assured of it, Dear Brethren, that the man who has his peace made with Him that ruleth in the armies of Heaven and among the inha-