

The proper conclusion therefore so forcibly exemplified in the temper of the Psalmist, as represented in this truly pathetic and affecting composition, is, that nothing of this kind ought so to contract our views, or to disturb the sweet and lovely order of nature, as to efface the remembrance of our countrie, or to eradicate those tender impressions, that have been wrought so deeply into our original, mental frame, in behalf of the diffused and general societie of mankind. Nay, even these afflictions befalling ourselves, if borne aright, will rather have a contrary effect. It is no part of our duty to be wholly unaffected by them. And he, that has no feelings at all, in behalf of himself, will scarcely have much sensibilitie to the interests of his kind. Whereas, if our private sorrows are rightly attempered, there will be in realitie some generous passion intermingled with them; it being scarcely possible, that any calamitie should be so absolutely personal, as not in some measure or another to obstruct the offices of beneficence and friendship towards our fellow-creatures; and this