

our Hands, and led us into a Place of Shelter.

In the *mean while*, it is also remarkable, that the *North American Coasts* have been unmolested by both the *French* and *Spanish West-India Privateers*, 'till this great Affair was ended. And that by Means of *Du Vivier's* Project of taking *Annapolis* in the *Spring* or *Summer*, both our *French* and *Indian Enemies* have been all this Time diverted from our exposed *inland Borders*; they being drawn to *Menis*, and to make a transient Show at *Annapolis*: So he was guided into his mischievous but fruitless Project, and to go even to *France*, to promote our Safety, and give us an unmolested Season for the taking of *Louisbourg*.

Lastly, that though our GOVERNOR, our GENERAL COURT, the *Council of War*, the *General*, the *Commodore*, the *Officers* and *Soldiers*, both by *Land* and *Sea*, have displayed a wonderful Wisdom, Zeal, Courage, Resolution, Diligence, and unwearied Application; yet they have the eminent Honour in receiving these from GOD, and in his employing them to atchieve and bring about such a glorious and happy Addition to the *British Crown* and *Empire*: Nor without *his numberless other Directions* would all their Skill, Care, Toil and Diligence, have availed any thing: And to HIM be therefore all the Glory. For the infinitely inferior Brightness sparkling in *them*, is wholly derived from HIM, both by his original and continual Influence; like the Glitter of *Diamonds* from the *Morning Sun*, and when He wholly hides his Light, they vanish. And yet the brilliant *Diamonds* are more to be valued than unshining Pebbles.

And thus have we seen *this Passage of Scripture*, in a remarkable Manner exemplified in the *present Day*.

And now who can in common Reason deny a *particular Providence* in this great Affair? Who can in Reason imagine that such a *Multitude of various and contrary running Wheels*, both of *material Causes* and *spontaneous Agents*, should all be made to work together, and in the midst of Thousands of Difficulties and Contingencies, in the happiest Seasons coincide, to accomplish *this GREAT EVENT*; without a SUPREME Contriver, Mover, and Director? We may a thousand Times more consistently apprehend the *most curious Engine* in the World to be made without Design, and to work without a moving Power.

Yea, those who own not *These* to be the *Operations* of GOD, as a wise, sovereign, free, and actual Ruler among Men and Elements; must not only deny the *Scriptures*, but even the very *Foundations* of all Religion, or Adoration of this