

things are controlled by that Almighty Power which "in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth," we are led to take a chastened view of those vast transactions in which man has acted so prominent a part, and to regard him as the mere agent effecting the rise and fall of Kingdoms and Empires.

The proud nations of antiquity and their numerous Colonies, were but fulfilling the purposes of a Being whose attributes they little understood. This accomplished, His fiat went forth, that those bounds were reached beyond which they should not pass, and the sepulchres of their heroes became the chief witness to posterity of their once boasted grandeur.

The reflecting mind of the observer of past events can readily discover ample cause, why "the perfect judge of all the earth" should thus have "visited the nations," and made many a prosperous state, many a flourishing Colony, a gloomy desert. Cruelty, oppression and wrong are "abominations in His sight," and that nation will eventually suffer by which such transgressions of His eternal law are committed.

But may He who holds in His hand the destinies of Empires, so guide the counsels of *our* Rulers, that the increase of His Kingdom may be the first subject of their deliberations! Then will the State still flourish, and the Colony be happy.