

dient, as well as reward the faithful and diligent servant.

But we hastily pass on to our third admonition—*Honor the King*.

I am very sensible that it is the opinion of many, that a political subject is by no means a proper subject for pulpit disquisition—and especially is this observation made by those, with whom our sentiments, on such subjects, may happen to differ or clash.

The force of the observation, I am ready, at certain times, and in particular circumstances, fully to admit; but in the present day, when the blast of War is again sounded in our ears, when the sword of vindictive justice is again commanded by the best of Sovereigns, to be unsheathed in defence of all that is dear to us—when the consuming flames of a political furor have had that destructive tendency to pull down or universally pollute the temples of God, and all their holy things—to kill, banish or expose, to the miserable necessity of living upon the charity of our nation, those who waited at the altar.—In the present day, when it is a proof of patriotism, to blaspheme God and His Religion, and substitute for adoration, a licentious liberty, and the decrees of tyrants—when it is thought consistent with the rights of man, to deny the existence of God, and the sovereignty of all His attributes;—

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