

would cease to mislead the public mind, by their misrepresentations and falsehoods ; that the elective franchise would be unlimitedly enjoyed and rightly exercised ; and that, in consequence, men of integrity and talents would be raised to office ; that dignity, independence and wisdom, would characterize our public councils ; and that the nation would live in prosperity at least a little longer. " If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity ; if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul ; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness shall be as the noon day. And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones ; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Isaiah lviii, 10.

Then let us be penitently humble, for every thing, in respect to our God, our country, and one another, wherein our consciences convict us of wrong, particularly in regard to the calamitous war, in which, not " the injustice of a foreign power ;" \* but our own misguided policy and folly have involved us. Let us worship God, according to righteousness, and pray for the success of our arms so far as, and no farther than, they are employed in support of a cause which he himself can approve. Let us mingle with our penitential contritions and acknowledgements, grateful praise to God that he has disposed the government of Great-Britain, with such a promptitude and unconditionality, as soon as they had information of the revocation of the decrees of Berlin and Milan, in respect to American vessels, and before they had any knowledge of our declaration of war, to annul their orders in council ; and, by thus removing, what some influential advocates of the administration have acknowledged to be, the only proper ground of the war, rendering the restoration of a speedy peace, a matter of the fairest calculation, if not of inevitable necessity.

And if there be those present who still choose to consider and treat our opposition to this war, as a dangerous heresy,

\* Proclamation.