

your glory consists, not in destroying, but in preserving your people ; your happiness, not in their misery, but in their prosperity. Then will you find the glory and the joy, which fly from your errors and your passions, which escape your blind and mad pursuit ; not the abject homage of fear and of hatred, of vice and of baseness ; but the true, the pure, the sublime glory and joy, to which the Universal and Perfect Sovereign exalts you, of being "*His Ministers for good*" to the people, the Benefactors, the Delight, and the admiration of mankind.

We conclude with two heads of *Improvement*, that have been proposed.

1. We have great reasons for gratitude to the Almighty Ruler. It is not without his will and his providence, that peace has visited our shores. It is the visitation of his mercy. He has visited us with his judgments : Now he visits us in his mercy. Let the joy, that has entered into our hearts, be raised in grateful offering to the throne of his grace. We are heartily glad ; let us be devoutly thankful. We heartily rejoice ; let us "*rejoice in the Lord.*" Let us learn "*to acknowledge God*" in all things ; to think and to speak of all his wondrous works. Let us learn to revere his power, to fear his judgments, "*to hope in his mercy,*" and to be grateful for all his benefits. Let us forget none of his benefits ; Oh let us not be of those, "*who forget God.*" We have peculiar and strong reasons at present, to acknowledge and remember his mercy. *"*Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits : Who forgiveth our iniquities ; who healeth our diseases ; who redeemeth our lives from destruction ; who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide ; neither will he keep his anger forever. He*

* Psalm 103.