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reserved for us their Children. This is the joyful Festival they desired to celebrate with unfeigned Thanksgivings. The Language of their Hearts was that of the Pfalmist, " Praise waiteth for thee, O GOD, in Sion; and who thee shall the Vow be performed." May this prove the Dawn of our future Peace and long Tranquility? Now we hope to transmit this Land, purchased with the Blood of our Fathers, a fair Inheritance to our latest Posterity. Oh, could our dear Forefathers look out of their Graves, how would they congratulate the rising, the extended Hopes of their degenerate Offspring! How chearfully would they join the facred Songs of this Day! - Is this that long expected, that long wished for Day? "LORD, thou halt been favourable unto thy Land; thou halt brought back the Captivity of Jacob; thou hast forgiven the Iniquity of thy People; thou hast covered all their Sin, Selah. Thou hast taken away all thy Wrath: thou hast turned thy felf from the Fierceness of thine Anger-I will hear what GOD the Lord will speak; for he will fpeak Peace unto his People, and to his Saints; but let them not turn again to Folly. Surely his Salvation is nigh unto them that fear him; that Glory may dwell in our Land.

THESE Things, my Brethren, are the Work of GOD; His Influence, his Superintendency is as real when he governs and fucceeds fecond Causes, as when he exerts the miraculous saving Strength of his right Hand: All subordinate Causes are but Instruments in the Hand of the first Cause, and exactly accomplish the wisePurposes of his perfect Mind. It is a free and undeferved Mercy thatGOD has given us. When we consider how unhumbled & unreformed we have been by former Chastisements, we have Reason to wonder at the Goodness of GOD, that he is now proving us with Mercy. If he had punished us seven Times more for our Sins, we must have said, righteous art thou, Oh Lord, in thy Judgments. Surely then to despise the Mercy of GOD, not to rejoice in his Salvation, not to ascribe