

*religion.*"—*Dr. A. Clarke.* The remarks of the eminent Methodist Divine, Richard Watson, are so much in point that I cannot forbear quoting them:—"The lawfulness, nay, even the duty of it," (*i. e.* resisting the measures of a government,) "must often be allowed; but under certain qualifying circumstances, as, 1. That this resistance of opposing and inculpating opinion, is not directed against the government, as such, however strict, provided it be just and impartial. 2. That it is not personal against the Supreme Magistrate himself, or his delegated authorities, but relates to public acts only. 3. That it springs not from mere theoretical preference of some new form of government to that actually existing, so that it has in it nothing practical. 4. That it proceeds not from a hasty, prejudiced, or malignant interpretation of the character, designs, and acts of a government. 5. That it is not factious; that it is not the result of attachment to parties, and of zeal to effect mere party objects, instead of the general good. 6. That it does not respect the interests of a few only, or of a part of the community, in the mere local interests of some places in opposition to the just interests of other places. Under such guards as these, the respectful, but firm expression of opinion, by speech, writing, petition or remonstrance, is not only lawful, but is often an imperative duty, a duty for which hazards even must be run by those who endeavour to lead up public opinion to place itself against real encroachments upon the fundamental laws of a state, or any serious maladministration of its affairs."

But while it is admitted that in some extreme cases resistance to the will of the Civil Ruler, may be justifiable, what shall we say of those wicked and desperate men who, without cause, are seeking to subvert the peace of this empire, and to endanger the property and lives of its inhabitants? These men living, as many of them do, under the freest government the world has ever seen, protected in the enjoyment of all their just rights and privileges, governed by a Queen whose name is a synonym for every public and social virtue, whose sway has ever been mild and equitable, whose ruling desire through