

vention of Second Causes ; and in this Manner to convey to us the Various Bounties of his providential Government : And therefore it generally happens, that the Battle is to the strong, and the Pace to the Swift. But then we should observe with the Wise Man that it is not always so, and the same Experience might likewise convince us, that the united Force both of Wisdom and Strength have failed of Success : — That Undertakings full of the most promising Expectations, have miscarried : — And plans of Operation, the best designed and concerted, have disappointed the most sanguine Hopes, when carried into Execution, by such a Conjecture of Accidents (improperly so called) as no human Wisdom or Power can foresee or prevent.

Let us therefore mark the Steps of Providence, through the whole of this successful Expedition. A summary View will be sufficient : And I know nothing that can be more proper to answer the Purport of the present Solemnity, which is to inspire us with Sentiments of Gratitude to Almighty God for his Goodness ; and to fix these pious impressions upon our Minds : Because by this Means we shall more distinctly see, how Providence has so operated with your Endeavours, to bring about this successful Event.

It certainly is a peculiar Happiness, and a Hap-