

for Joy? Let us in this way, do god', for with such Sacrifices God is well pleas'd.

But what I would more especially recommend to you is, the exercise of all Christian Compassion towards those of the *Enemies* whom it has pleas'd God to put under our Power. Of old it was said, *thou shalt love thy Neighbour, and hate thine Enemy*; but our Lord Jesus Christ says, *love your Enemies*. This Christian Law must not indeed be construed in prejudices of that Love which we owe to our selves, our Families and Country, which may make it necessary to take up Arms: But when by this Means our Enemies are fallen into our Hands, we should treat them, not only with Humanity, but Christian Love; being ready to all the Offices of Kindness and Compassion towards them. We should not insult them, we should not upbraid them, we should not treat them with Harshness and Severity; but endeavour to make their captive State as comfortable to them as may consist with the publick Good.

SOME of you, it may be, have Friends or Relatives among their Enemies. How would you desire they should treat them? Would not you be glad, if they were kind to them? Would you not think hardly of them, if they should shut up their Bowels of Compassion, and behave towards them with Diskindness? Let us treat those who are our Captives in the same humane christian Way, we should be glad our Friends should be treated, or our selves, were we in our Enemies Power. That is the Prescription of the Bible, *Prov. 25. 21. If thine Enemy be hungry, give him Bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him Water to drink.* And the Reason follows in the next Verse, *For thou shalt heap Coals of Fire upon his Head, and the Lord shall reward thee.*

But I have no need to use any Arguments upon this Head. I believe there is no Place where Prisoners of War are treated with more Kindness. They have no Reason to complain for want of all reasonable Liberty, or that they are not suitably provided with all Things necessary: Tho' the Case of some of them may be such as to call for Christian Charity; and in this Case, I would hope, there are none of us but would willingly open our Hands for their Relief; and in so doing we should honour God, and behave like the Disciples of Jesus Christ: Nor should we in any wise lose our Reward; it would be laid up for us in Heaven.

AND now as the Conclusion of all, May it please the good and gracious God to over-rule this glorious Conquest to an happy Issue, the Good of our Nation and Land. May he give all needed Direction as to resettling the Place. And may all proper Care be taken, that the pure Gospel of Christ be preached in this part of the Dominion of Antichrist. May the Man of Sin, that Son of Perdition, be no longer acknowledged as Christ's Vicegerent. May all *Graven Images* be pulled down, all *Superstition* removed, and the Religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, as it is contained in the BIBLE, be upheld and practiced there.

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