

doms, depend, have no Meaning, no Direction at all. And if we do not observe and acknowledge a Providence in the *greater*, how shall we do it in the *lesser* Affairs and Concerns of human Life? For if a Sparrow falleth not to the Ground, without the Notice of our Heavenly Father; if the very Hairs of our Heads are all numbered; if the minutest Creature, or the least Particle of Matter, passeth not unnoticed, but receives all the Variety of its Modifications from the Direction of his unerring Wisdom: Is it not much more expected, that those greater Objects and Events, in which the Fate of Numbers is concerned, and which have such a wide and extensive Influence in the World—should strike our Attention, and inspire us with the most august and venerable Ideas of that unerring Wisdom, which guides and directs them in the best Manner, to the Good and Benefit of the universal System?

We cannot leave Providence out of the Question in these Cases, without the grossest Infidelity; or withhold our religious Acknowledgments, without great Profaneness, and such an Insensibility and Deadness to all the Principles and Spirit of Religion, as would be a Shame to the Reason of Man, as well as a Reproach to our Religion as Christians.

Let us, therefore, offer unto God the Fruit of our Lips, giving Praise unto his Name! gratefully acknowledge him as the Author of all Good, both public and private;—humbly implore his future Blessing and Protection upon our Country; and that such Success may crown the Measures of Defence, which the Perfidy and Ambition of our Enemies oblige us to have Recourse to, as may be effectual to procure a safe, honourable, and lasting Peace.

That Peace may be within our Walls, and Prosperity in our Palaces,—may God, the Parent of all Mercies, Grant!