

To day, Christians, we are called upon, by public authority, to attend upon this sacred duty. Being, in the righteous dispensation of providence, visited with the calamity of war, and beholding "the judgments of God" gone abroad "in the earth," we are called upon to humble ourselves before that Sovereign Power, which "ruleth in the kingdoms of men,"—to confess our manifold sins, which have incurred his displeasure, beseeching him that he may be graciously pleased to avert the punishment they have justly deserved.

At the present momentous crisis, which, on account of the dangers it brings to view, and the miseries unavoidably attendant on war, may justly be called a "day of adversity," it is proper for us to *consider*, 1<sup>st</sup>, The danger, which threatens us as a Nation: 2<sup>ly</sup>, How much we have deserved to be visited with adversity, on account of our sins: And 3<sup>ly</sup>, what conduct we ought now to pursue, in order to give us hopes of safety and deliverance.

NOTWITHSTANDING the confidence we may justly place in the equity of Providence, that the counsels  
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