

my unfruitfulness under, and unthankfulness for such a mercy. When my spirit was almost overwhelmed within me, at the consideration of what had past over me, and what was to be expected ; I was ready almost to sink in my spirit ; but God spake those words with a greater efficacy than man could speak them, for my strengthening and support. Psal. 118. 17. *I shall not die, but live : And declare the works of the Lord.* Psal. 42. 11. *Why art thou cast down O my soul ? and why art thou disquieted within me ? hope thou in God : For I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.* Nehem. 1. 8. 9. *Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandest thy servant Moses, saying if ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations ; But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them, though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.* These three places of scripture, one after another, by the grace of God strengthened my hopes that God would so far restrain the wrath of the adversary, that the greatest number of us left alive, should be carried through so tedious a journey ; that though my children had no father to take care of them, that word quieted me to a patient waiting to see the end the Lord would make.

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