

Previous to the war, we laid out some of our property, which God had given us, in building this house, sacred to his worship; and we also erected places of education for our youth. These are works acceptable to God. Since the war, we have studied to prevent injury and injustice taking place on our frontier, and to maintain peace and good will with our neighbours on the other side our boundary; and they have done the same towards us; and the violations of this amicable system have not been numerous. The providence of God has smiled on these measures; and the effects of his saving countenance have protected us from the inroads and pillage, and fire and sword, incident to a state of war. To preserve these blessings we must persevere in these measures.

We have also exercised our charity, in commiserating the sufferings and contributing to the relief of our distressed brethren in Upper Canada; and this good work, no doubt, has tended to bless and secure our property to us, for what is given to the poor, or lent to the Lord, he will repay, by preserving to us our present store, and by adding to it hereafter.* Money laid out to the glory of God, and to the good of our brethren, will bring us a blessing sooner or later; for God rules over all things, and works them together according to his pleasure; and it is his pleasure and promise to reward those who put their trust in his government, and who of course serve him. We do not always see *when*, or *how* he does this; but the more we believe and try his promises, the more we shall see into them, and find them fulfilled to us. The public circumstances which I have mentioned, have in some degree, I am persuaded, recommended us to the particular favour of Providence. I