

spurn at with contempt, whilst they fly before that manly spirit which is its genuine product; and let us return thanks and blessings to the Lord of Hosts, the God of battles, by whose inspiration alone heroes and patriots are formed, *who girdeth our loins to might, and teacheth our hands to war.*

It would be highly improper, it would be impious indeed, to apply the oracle of God in the present case, and to say, with prophetic authority, *Go up, for to morrow the Lord will deliver them into your hands.* No; this I may not venture to say. The event is in the womb of providence; and *the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong*, for God often counteracts the probability of second causes. But this I will say, in opposition to the authors of feeble and timid counsels, that a righteous cause, and persevering valour, joined to a pious trust in the Almighty, give the best ground to hope for success in war.

In the wars usual in Europe, when rival nations have contended with each other, it has often been on points of small importance, and the parties have gained nothing