

and which, for some considerable Time past, has looked with a threatening Aspect upon all our North American Possessions, the richest Jewels that adorn the British Crown:

It was necessary, however, just to touch upon its Importance, for this plain Reason ; — because the more interesting any publick Success or Acquisition may be, the greater must be the joy and Pleasure which results from it ; and of Consequence, our Gratitude will rise the highertowards the primary Cause and Author ; — the Foundation of every publick and private Blessing ; the Sovereign Disposer of all Events. For certainly our Satisfaction in the happy Event, and Gratitude to the Giver of all Success, will keep Pace with each other ; and must be reciprocal and proportionable, if we are rightly disposed. And there is no Doubt but we should be thus disposed, thus affected with religious Gratitude, if we considered Things as we ought to do : But through a culpable Inattention, we are apt to take a very superficial View of Things, and content ourselves with the first Appearances, without searching any farther : For which Reason we are struck with the immediate Instruments of Success, while the great Spring and Original of every prosperous Event escapes our Notice.

It pleases Almighty God to act by the Inter-