

The possession of these principles is highly valuable in this other point of view, that they can at all times be brought into exercise. Their operation is not confined to country or climate, but is acknowledged wherever man is to be found. The duties which they inculcate are not circumscribed by those bounds, which divide kingdoms and nations ; but they extend throughout the world, and teach us, that in every situation, in all circumstances, and in every difficulty ; we should know that we are brethren ; and feel and act a brother's part.

I have thus taken occasion to notice to you that the causes which create division and weakness among a people, arise from the influence of the mean and low vices, and that the best way of guarding against this most pernicious influence is to observe all those means which our maker has provided for our improvement. I have also noticed that a state of union seems particularly favourable for attending to those means of improvement which we have within our reach. I stated particularly that our improvement, will be promoted by keeping steadily in view the duty which we owe to our maker, with humility and a sense of our dependence on him. That with the same view we should