

of the highest and most dangerous Provocations and Preparatives to ruinous Judgments.

Yea, *distinguishing Appearances* of GOD to save and prosper us, are *distinguishing Obligations*, not only to *distinguishing Degrees* of Joy and Praise, but also to *distinguishing Degrees* of Piety: i. e. of active Gratitude and Love to GOD, of perpetual Contrivances and Labours to promote his Glory and holy Kingdom in Ourselves and Others, and to a constant Life of Service to His Cause and People. And as the *Failure* of this, will not be a rendering to Him according to his signal Benefits, but a most *ungrateful* Treatment of Him; *his Eyes* are always on us, to observe us *now*, and to judge and Re-compence us *Here* or *Hereafter*.

But let us rejoice, not only in *our own Salvation*, the Salvation of *all our Colonies*, and some of the most important Branches of the *British Trade*; --- But let our Joy rise higher, that hereby a *great Support* of *Antichristian* Power is taken away, and the *visible Kingdom* of CHRIST enlarged. Methinks, when the southern *Gates* of *Louisbourg* were opened, and our Army with their Banners were marching in; *the Gates were lifted up*---*the Gates were lifted up*---and the KING of GLORY went in with them. Even the SON of GOD, the LORD of Hosts, the LORD strong and mighty in Battle---having gain'd the Conquest, he rode in in Triumph and took Possession. He set up his Standard, proclaim'd his Gospel of Peace, the Glad Tydings of Salvation, open'd the Prisons, redeem'd his Captives, and began to receive his grateful Incense of pure Adorations. O that There, in Purity of Worship, Doctrine and Conversation, in the Power of his Grace and in the Glory of his Holiness, He may reign and shine to all the Islands round about, as long as the Sun and Moon endure.

And as 'twas one of the chief Disgraces of QUEEN ANNE's Reign, to resign *this Island* to the *French*; it is happily one of the Glories of KING GEORGE the *Second's*, to recover it to the *British Empire*. O that it may remain united thereto for ever, and so perpetuate the Glory. O that under the Influence of *British Liberties*, in a *happy Constitution* of *Civil Government*, and the DIVINE Care & Blessing, even *Louisbourg* itself, with *Cape-Breton*, and all *Newa Scotia*, may revive and flourish.

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