

struggle, and placed her on a pinnacle, from which she shines as an ensign to the nations, and as a light that cannot be hid.—Animated by that courage, which justice and mercy, those two great principles which are the ground-work of Christianity itself, cannot fail to inspire, she defies the attacks of all her enemies, foreign and domestic; and without fear or scruple follows that course which she is satisfied is the path of rectitude and honor—under what other form of Government shall we find such security of person and property, the same degree of freedom, civil and religious? In England and all her dependencies it may be truly said,—(1) “Every one without molestation may eat of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and every one drink the waters of his own cistern.”—As there is full liberty of person, so there is full freedom of conscience. In religion, no credentials are required, but the word of God, no test exacted, but peaceable and loyal conduct; the assistance of all who have at heart the good of mankind and the furtherance of God’s kingdom upon earth is gladly embraced, and in many instances united efforts are made which are creditable alike to all parties.—When about half century ago infidelity in a neighboring country raised her impious head, and anarchy reigned triumphant with all its dreadful consequences, England remained firm to her principles, and in the hands of providence was a main instrument in restoring tranquillity and order.—Through the excellence and vigor of her counsels her inhabitants were kept in unparalleled prosperity and peace, whilst war was desolating almost all the surrounding countries; the matchless bravery and superior physical strength of her armies, guided by the consummate skill of one Great Captain, mainly arrested the course of the usurper, hurled him from his giddy height, restored the legitimate Sovereign to his Throne, and gave peace to distracted Europe.—In the work of colonization her efforts have not been less fortunate and stupendous.—Her possessions abroad are so numerous and extensive,

(1) Isaiah 56, 16.