

supporting the exercise of an arbitrarie and lawless power ; but for the most precious rights and liberties, that any nation ever did, or any nation can enjoy : when, I say, we lay all these things together, may we not with some humble confidence say. “ The Lord will have mercie upon Zion ; for the time to favor her, yea, the set time is come.” For what may not be expected from a flourishing, brave and united people, exerting themselves in such an inspiring cause ; and in defence of those inestimable privileges, which, it is so natural to presume, should, in proportion to their importance, invigorate our efforts for their continuance and perpetuities. And this is

A third particular suggested to us in the following words of the text : “ For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.” This is expressive of that tender affection, which the Jewish people retained for their country, notwithstanding their present estrangement and distance from it. They recollected with a kind of veneration and extatic

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