

tinues to uprightness of heart, and unaffected piety. In the nation to which we belong, although licentiousness and vice be, unhappily, too prevalent, thousands are still left who practise, without ostentation, every sublime and every amiable virtue. Among us may be found whatever is great or venerable, in wisdom or in piety, in undaunted heroism, or unshaken integrity. The good and virtuous, the accepted servants of the most High, however humble their station upon the earth may be, are the patriots who “stand as a wall of fire around our Zion.” When the ruler of nations is ready to send forth, in his wrath, an exterminating Angel among a guilty race, he remembers the just and pious who dwell among them, and His anger is converted into tender mercy.

SHALL we despond in the present state of our county? Shall we rashly distrust the care of an over-ruling Providence, which hath upheld her in many