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THE following *Charge* was written, and delivered to the Clergy of the middle and southern districts of this Diocese, in June, 1803, at Halifax, whilst the Treaty of Peace with France, concluded at Amiens, subsisted. It was again delivered to the Clergy of the western parts of the Diocese, the succeeding August, at Annapolis. In the intervening space between those periods, intelligence arrived in this country, that the war with France was renewed.

IN these awful times of apostacy and danger, I conceived it was my duty to raise my warning voice, and bear testimony against the flagitious principles which had lately produced such accumulated misery throughout the world, which are still existing, and silently spreading, and whose aim is to destroy all Religion, real Liberty, order and regular Government; also against the religious delusions, by which great numbers among us are misled, and their salvation endangered. My sentiments on these points were communicated to my Reverend and worthy Brethren, in the following *Charge*. When it was delivered at Annapolis, the account of a change in our relative situation with respect to France, having reached us, it was necessary to draw up a new Introduction, adapted to that change; but the *Charge* is now printed as first written, and delivered at Halifax. This notice will account for the seeming contrariety between the state of the times and the contents of the *Charge*; the latter recognises the return of Peace, although we are now actually at war. But the sentiments