

fible that the church can have rest. All of us, who wish well to religion, will, therefore, cordially join in the sentiments expressed in this Psalm. where our text is, in praying for the peace and prosperity of the nation to which we belong, and the permanence of the government under which we live.

When we look abroad into the world, and perceive the fluctuating and uncertain tenure, by which, in other nations, at the present day, men enjoy any privilege, either civil or religious, we cannot but acknowledge that we are very highly favoured of the Lord, in being placed under the protection of a powerful state, where justice still prevails, and true religion is respected; where we see piety and virtue encouraged; and where all who live peaceably may enjoy full liberty of conscience.

We have this day, Christians, to acknowledge the favour of Government towards ourselves, as a religious community; not merely for that liberty of conscience, which all enjoy, but also for the provision now made for our future accommodation. It is through the Royal Favour, together with your own abundant liberality and laudable exertions, that we have the pious satisfaction of now opening, for the first time, in this city, a  
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