

Plainness and Obviousness of our Obligations to them. For the plainer the Reasons for any Duty are, they are so much the stronger ; and we must suppose they will have a greater Effect upon all Minds properly touched with a Sense of Ingenuity and Honour.

You will easily perceive, without my mentioning it, what this Observation leads to : It leads us to imitate the devout Psalmist ; and teacheth us how proper and pertinent the like Conduct is, in like Circumstances. Such are your Circumstances at present ! — I am, therefore, ( after congratulating you upon Victory ) to direct your Attention to the supreme Disposer of all Events, for the agreeable and important Success which has crowned his Majesty's Arms in this Part of the World ! Success ! which hath clipped the Wings of a Power and Ambition that soars so high, and meditates, without ceasing, our Destruction, both at home and abroad.

It would be needless ( was it my Province ) to enlarge upon the Importance of the Acquisition, which, through the Favour of Providence, we have so lately made. Every one may judge of this, by the particular Attention, which at all Times our Enemies have paid to the strong Hold we are now so happily possessed of, as the Capital of an immense Province, swelled to an ominous Bulk ;