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Nations, and his Glory above the Heavens, he maketh the barren Woman to keep House, and to be a joyful Mother of Children." Can't we now by these Things see that our present Deliverance is great Occasion of Joy and Thanksgiving? Don't we learn the Propriety of the joyful Assemblies of this Day? What Nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all Things that we call upon him for? "We have sown in Tears, but now reap in Joy. We have gone forth weeping, but we are now returning, bringing our Sheaves with us."

It only remains now that we consider

Fifthly, To whom our Sacrifices of Thanksgiving should be offered, and through whom alone they can be accepted.

And now we easily learn from our Text that God must be the supreme Object of our Praise; for it is granted that he who grants Salvation, should have the Praise of it: And saith our Text, "Had not the Lord been on our Side," &c. and again; "Our Help is in the Name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth." Those Men who have been the Instruments in the Hand of Providence, to bring about these great and interesting Events, have justly raised their Characters, and immortalised their Names; but we may not be so lavish in our Praises
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