

given *for ourselves*, but labour zealously that *others* even in our own days may share in its advantages; and that *untainted* it may be handed down to our children and children's children.

Nature seems this joyous day, my brethren, to favour our loyal and happy congregation. The stately trees around us, in this sequestered grove, seem to bend over us their wide-spread boughs, clothed with their rich summer foliage, as if to screen us from the heat of the mid-day sun. No storm, with violence, disturbs us in the contemplation of our duty and our privileges. No sickness, loads the atmosphere with its enfeebling and death-bearing contagion. No civil commotion plants its seeds of perturbation in our hearts and minds: peace and unity, and brotherly love, seem, on the contrary, to cement *each* heart to heart, and hand to hand, in our happy and contented assemblage.

There are many, my brethren, who, no doubt, would speak of our congregating here to-day, with terms of the utmost ridicule and contempt; and who, did power and influence enable them to accomplish their desires, would have us, if possible, for ever *scattered* from each other's society; but *even the approbation of such* could not be esteemed by us as of *any advantage* or *consequence*; for those who *could* treat with indifference an injunction so *ancient and scriptural* as the allegiance to the Sovereign, are unworthy of the *very name* of men, or of christians. Others there are, who, while they would have us esteem them for their loyalty to the Queen, and their respect for the laws of our constitution, are all the while but wearing the *mask* to achieve an *object*; and who, could they attain their darling purposes, would show themselves at once in all the deformity of their anti-constitutional deception, and having clambered to the eminence, would, perchance, according to ancient precedent, kick the Crown from off a British Monarch's brow!

Let us not for a moment flatter ourselves with the idea that Rome is not what she had been. Let us not imagine that she is idle or indifferent at the present. She is ever awake, ever active; watching with intense desire to gain the ascendancy. And if Protestants are not forward in taking the vantage ground,