

suffered those under our controul to commit them with impunity : Or if, after making extensive conquests, we have robbed innocent and defenceless nations of the benefit and protection of their ancient governments, without establishing new ones in their stead : Thus leaving them an easy and a tempting prey to avarice and cruelty. *The bloody and deceitful man, the vengeance of God will surely overtake.*

But, in the midst of all our subjects of confession and sorrow and lamentation, whether of a private or public nature, and with a firm resolution to contribute all in our power to correct what is amiss, and to do our utmost for the national welfare, by carefully keeping every man of us *from his iniquity, now that the Host has gone forth against the enemy*, we shall do well also to turn our thoughts on the peculiar and seasonable blessings which the Almighty has poured down upon us, lest, if we should fail to mark them, or prove ungrateful for them, he may turn a deaf ear to our supplications for farther mercies.

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