

good things of this world, as the ministers of the gospel. They are refined in their ideas, and often in their persons not more robust than ourselves. But when their country calls for their swords, they come forth with a commendable gallantry; and without the hardy habits of the private, go through the same fatigues, and confront the same perils. Not content with meeting dangers they cannot shun, the principle of honour, and the hope of preferment, push them on to seek occasions of distinction by achievements of heroism. Nevertheless, they have parents, wives, and children, as we have, who depend for a maintenance on the lives of which they are so prodigal.

“But how do the officers of the armies of Christ conduct themselves? Little better, we regret to say, than an undisciplined militia, who have covenanted to fight only *pro aris et focis*. To see us exercise at home might give a high idea of our courage and prowess, if it were not too well understood that we had an invincible dislike to hard blows and long marches: what flowing eloquence, what strength of reasoning, what animated declamation do we hear from our pulpits! What potent demonstrations of the truths of Christianity, what