

Benjamin, our brother, and should not cease, that your prayers for success to almighty God may be equally rational and fervent.

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2^{dly}, Point out our duty, in the present circumstances, to God and to our country.

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But how shall I enter into so wide a field ? or in what method shall I treat such a copious subject ? The sketch I can, now give you of it, must of necessity be short : And I must trust to your previous knowledge, to fill up and supply my brief and imperfect delineation.

Let us examine the grounds of this revolt, and try if we can find them in ancient right, or in recent provocation ; or, if these should fail, let us then see if expediency obliges, or the honour of the nation permits us, to yield to their demands.

The adventurers who first set out from Europe to the new discovered country of America, went all in search of the precious