

## NOTE IX.

“Stern truth demands, confess we must,  
“Their cause has not been always just.”

*(See Page 16.)*

~~~~~

By many the justice or lawfulness of war has been questioned, and by others positively denied; but of the conduct of those who enter into the territory of strangers, without invitation, or consent; and on receiving an insult, real or imaginary, plunder their wealth and take possession of their country, there can be but one opinion formed by men of common sense. That such circumstances are often overruled for the general good by an all wise Providence we readily admit; but we are not to “sanctify the means by the goodness of the end.”