

such aggravated Losses, and with an uncommonly small Effusion of Blood. — However, I think, no Reflexions whatever should suppress our *Joy* on this grand Occasion, though they may be needful to restrain & moderate it.

A Transport of Mind, on the News of a Conquest and Acquisition, so big with Salvation and Blessing to one's Country as this we are now rejoicing in, is scarce avoidable, and is certainly allowable. And the more nearly we are interested in the Success, naturally the more elevated will the Pleasure be. In this Respect, though the Prosperity of the *Prussian, Hanoverian, and British* Arms in *Germany* at this Day is just Matter of Joy and Praise; yet it is reasonably to be expected, that Victory nearer *Home*, and more immediately affecting our selves, should strike our Minds with a singular Force, and that so great & important a Conquest as that which occasions this Day's Solemnity, should open all the Springs of pleasing Passions, and swell the Tide of Joy beyond its common Bounds.

Nevertheless, let it not be merely a *rejoicing over our Enemies*, nor only rejoicing in our own Prosperity. But let the Joy be sublimated, spiritualized, and carried up to its proper ultimate Object, "the Captain of our Salvation," the Giver of Victory.—By all Means let us see to it, that our rejoicing on the present Occasion be duly regulated—Not the meer Mirth of *Brutes*, centring in animal Pleasures — Not the Mirth of *Fools*, conducted as if we had no Fear of God before our Eyes, and expressed only in Laughter & Levity, in lawless Feasting and Frolicking—Nor yet only the more sober and temperate (but almost as carnal) Joy of *Hypocrites*, who honour God with joyful Lips, while yet in their Hearts and Lives they dishonour Him; being in truth "evil and unthankful".— Nor let it be a proud and self-boasting Joy, as if "our own Arm had saved us", or our own Worthiness had procured us the Victory. "Neither glory ye in Men."— "All such Rejoicing is evil."— "But he that glorieth, let him glory in the LORD."

Let our Rejoicing be manly; rational, spiritual, devotional, and "after a godly Sort", in all its Exercises & Expressions.—Let the Joy of our Hearts transpire thro' our Lips in the most grateful Acknowledgments & Praises to God, in the  
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