

been allowed to take deep root in the world? Religion, the best comfort of life and death, had been banished from off the face of the earth. A great proportion of mankind would become worse than barbarians. The most enlightened of the French demagogues resembled devils in human flesh, worse than human beings; as it will always happen that a wicked man of talents, is much worse than one who is ignorant. The contest, at first, was between profligacy and order; between vice and virtue; between infidelity and religion; between the Arch-Apostate and the God of Heaven. Let us give thanks to our Heavenly Father, "*which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.*" \* There remained so much virtue, talents, and religious zeal, on the side of our excellent Constitution, and our Holy Religion, as arrested the torrent of political innovation, and of scepticism in Religion, in its daring, sweeping, progress, and preserved them both entire. Our Country was enabled to make a dignified stand against the usurpations and aggressions of the restless, enterprizing, and ambitious despot, when all other nations of the Continent fell under his power, and contributed to further his lawless designs. She was the asylum of the distressed, receiving with open arms all that flew to her hospitable shores from the rod of oppression on their own. She remained firm and decisive in Council, persevering in action, till the spirit by which she was actuated, was infused through all the Councils of Continental Europe. Her dignified attitude, amid

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