

that could cherish, can also correct; and that the same powerful arm that stretched across the Atlantic to save, is not now so weak but it can punish. Thus shall we do all in our power to preserve to posterity a government, the most favourable to human nature that ever existed, and to prolong the period of light, and liberty, and happiness among mankind.

But, while we are of necessity at war with the children of Benjamin our brother, let us not forget the near relation they stand in to us; let us not entirely extinguish our affections to the child, because he is for the present froward and disobedient. Let us bend his will, but not subdue his spirit. Let us chastise him in kindness, *not slay him in anger*. Like good King David, when his son Absalom rebelled against him, *Let us give our captains and our mighty men a charge, that they deal gently with the young man*; and, when he returns to his duty, let us receive him with open arms. AMEN.