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Lethargy in which they have too long lived, and make them see their own Danger. Speak to them, *persuade them as knowing the Terrors of the Lord.*— Speak to their Hearts and Consciences with such Plainness as becomes the Ministers of the Gospel; tell them in *Season and out of Season*, that *unless they repent, they must perish*. If the Warnings we have had are a Call on the People to Repentance, remember they are still stronger Calls on us, to *preach* Repentance, and to discharge the Duty we owe to God and his Church, and to the Flock of Christ, over whom we are placed. May this Work of God prosper in our Hands!

I should be wanting to the Duty I owe to the highest as well as the lowest, should I omit on this Occasion to remind those who are entrusted by their Country, with the Government of these populous Cities, how much the Welfare of the People depends upon the faithful Execution of the Law. I pretend not to accuse *them particularly* of Neglect, a *general Neglect* of this Kind is one of the worst Symptoms of the Time; every Man is left to do what is right in his own Eyes, one would think *there was no King in Israel*. Could the vile abominable Pictures of Lewdness have been offered to Sale in the most frequented Parts of the City; could Books for the Instruction of the Unexperienced in all the Mysteries of Irquity have been publicly cried in our Streets; had not the Laws, and the Guardians of the Laws, been asleep?—But surely it is high Time to awake; and to