

lie under to the Queen's troops, and in a signal manner to this gallant regiment, for protection, by the Divine blessing, in dangers of our own, of no very remote occurrence, in this Province. The preservation of those who were thus our friends in need must be a matter of gratitude to us. As our *friends*, then, my military hearers, I address you, and with the voice of a friend I charge it upon you to remember to your dying day the mercy and the warning you have experienced. Oh, if there are any among you who in the imminent crisis of your danger, brought to the verge of death and eternity, were untouched by the thought of your salvation, the sense of your dependence upon God, and the need which you have of pardon at His hand, or who, in the hour of your providential deliverance, lifted no vow of praise within your hearts, nor resolution of future devotedness to *Him*, let me conjure you to look back *now* upon the scene, and ask whether, if the elements, let loose by His pleasure, in their fury had swept you to destruction, you were prepared to go before Him. *Prepare to meet thy God* is a summons which we find recorded in His holy Word; and it is not a summons sounded in our ears by all the changes and chances which we witness in this uncertain life, but sounded loudly, like a trumpet of alarm, in the perils which are encountered upon the raging deep! And having just escaped from such a scene, will you not learn from it the lesson of the fear of God? The common contemplation of the power of God, in the control of the wilder elements of nature, serves to read you this lesson. Fear ye not me? saith the Lord. *Will ye not tremble at my presence, which hath placed the sand for the bound of the sea?* By that power, bringing you into danger to make you sensible of mercy, you are now alive and safe, and under the shelter, at this moment, of the sanctuary itself, *paying your vows in the presence of God's people*. You have *seen the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep*; you have seen *at his word the stormy wind arise which lifteth up the waves thereof*; you have experienced the terrors of tempest, and of shipwreck, in a bleak season, and upon an almost desolate shore; and you have been *brought to a haven* where you would there surely have said