

exhortation, more particularly addressed to the Brethren on the score of the relation subsisting between them, and the modern Brethren of our Order.

There is but as little probability that Mankind should be uniform in their sentiments, as that they should speak the same language. Far then be it from us, my Brethren, to suffer Envy or Jealousy to swell in our breasts; which possessed the chosen Sons of Jacob; They carried their aversion so far that they could not speak peaceably unto Joseph. Now though in this case they did not contend who should be the greatest, yet it was in effect the same, they could not bear a Superior.

We may see in this instance to what lengths passion and virulence may unhappily drive us, so as to unloose the common ties of Nature, and in its consequences so dreadful as not to spare even a Brother.

Let us not then prejudge our younger Brother lest we be not able to judge at all, and so establish a false opinion of him—But rather let us strive to break down the Partition wall, as St. Paul calls it, which now hangs betwixt us and Him. In a building we know the corner is the point where the sides which stand and look different ways, meet; so the walls of different aspects find there strength and connection.—So let us, following the dictates of our common Principles, adopt the same connecting tie, so that we
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