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in !: realized: we might expect to see the rights of Nations, and of individuals disregarded, religion discountenanced, and infidelity set on high. The present war is not merely what most others have been, a dispute concerning a right to certain extent of territory. It is a contest between civil order and confusion; between liberty and tyranny; between piety and infidelity. In short, it involves whatever ought to be most dear to us, as men and as christians.

We cannot condescend upon any of those, who have shown themselves real partisans of that revolutionary Spirit, which now disturbs the world, who have not clearly manifested their sentiments respecting religion,—that, in their hearts, they pay no regard to it. From the Character of the men, we may therefore judge of the order of things, which they would attempt to establish, should they attain (what their ambition leads them to expect) universal empire.

Thus appried of the danger, which threatens our national Interests, and the happiness of mankind in general, it is proper that we consider, addy,