

apprehensions of the transcendent and matchless "glories" of his nature. But we all know, how much this exalted and divine principle has been obstructed, in its happy influence upon the mind, by the corruption, in popish countries, of that very system of christianitie, which was intended to elevate and enoble every religious and devout affection, and to advance it to its highest pitch of puritie and excellence. And, as to the poor American Indians, as they have never had the opportunitie of corrupting, so neither of improving, this grand dispensation of divine mercie and love. But where, let it now be asked, is that nation or people of the earth so likely to be the intended instruments of divine providence, in dispelling, either Popish or Indian darknes, than we of this reformed countrie, this enlightened and happie land? Or when the period, which we might have better supposed introductorie to so interesting and delightful a scene, as now? and with what consistencie can we make any pretensions either to the faith or