

and contentment—every motive of happiness in time and in eternity, call us to promote righteousness—loudly call us to the sincere practice of piety and virtue. For by these a nation is exalted; by these, the blessings of this life, and the kingdom of heaven are secured.

These motives apply to every individual. Every one therefore should feel their force, and act conformably to their spirit. Each may at least reform *one*; and practice that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

Lastly. From a number of recent occurrences and other matters, the present is a most interesting period to this country. * So much so, that not only the present generation, but generations yet unborn, will be deeply affected by the measures that now are, or may speedily be, taken—by the arrangements that are formed. On them will it much depend, whether ignorance, barbarity, disorder and irreligion are to be the future characteristics

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* Some of the occurrences and matters here alluded to, are—1. A large accession of respectable and industrious inhabitants. 2. The late *Navigation Act*, so favourable to our commerce. 3. The appointment of a Bishop for the colonies. And to which I may add 4. A benevolent disposition in Government to countenance every rational scheme for the advantage of these colonies—for the advancement of religion, literature, commerce and industry among us.