

ral manner, the ALMIGHTY governs the universe he hath created. The rewards of perseverance, and the chastisement of obstinate perverseness, shall be revealed hereafter ; but had we been left without the precious light of divine revelation, we must still have discovered that many virtues tended to produce permanent good, and many vices permanent evil. In this respect we have been, I am afraid, extremely deficient in proofs of gratitude for private or national mercies. Of the most favoured nation upon earth, there is not, perhaps, a more highly favoured province than that in which we dwell. While many other lands have been visited, with great and afflictive evils, we have enjoyed a distinguished exemption. The thunder of war hath shaken the nations, but we have heard only it's distant echo. Pestilence hath raged in our neighbourhood, while health abode with us. This fortunate province hath enjoyed an abundance