

and Success in this grand Affair, from its Commencement to its Conclusion, should be taken Notice of, as the Effect of a propitious *Providence* super-intending & presiding in it. Every advantageous Circumstance, every subservient and auxiliary Incident, as well as the grand and final Event, is to be observed, as the Fruit of Divine Benignity. All tends to heighten the Glory and the Mercy of the Success: and all conspires to demand our grateful Acknowledgments to "the Lord of Hosts", the supreme Author of Victory.

We are called, on this Occasion to sing both of *Mercy*, and of *Judgment*; to sing of both "to the Lord our God"; to celebrate the Wonders of *Mercy* to us, and of *Judgment* on our Enemies. — Yea, his *Judgments* on ourselves, in the general Calamity of War, and in particular Disasters, are not to be forgotten, even in our Songs of Praise. As mournful and joyful Events are mingled in Providence, we should have our Reflexions on both, in the Exercise of various Passions, corresponding to each. Antecedent humbling Events might be design'd in Providence to prepare a just *Allay* to future Joys: And the *Evil* intermixed with the *Good* we receive at the Hand of the LORD, may well serve to correct and qualify the *Pleasure* his Benefits give us. It will be wise in us to temper the Joy that now expands our Breasts, by proper Reflexions on the inauspicious and dark Appearances preceding our late Successes, & on the disastrous Events attending them. One Circumstance, in particular, should not a little affect us, that human Life has so often been sacrificed (by the Sword, or Disease, or Accident) in the Pursuit of *Victory*; and as *Victory* is apprehended to have been *lost*, in one memorable Instance, by "the Fall of the Mighty,*" so it hath in several Instances been *purchased* at the Expence of some of the most precious Blood, in the Fall of heroic *Generals* † and other gallant Officers and Men. These are striking Events, at the Remembrance of which we can scarce refrain mingling Tears with our present Joys. But the Sorrow for *former* Losses, of this Kind, we must balance with the Joy of our last Successes being obtained without any such

* The brave Lord Howe, in that fruitless Attempt at *Ticonderoga*.
 † Gen. WOLFE, and Gen. PRIDEAUX, who both expired amidst Glory, in the near View of Conquest.