

ty that is inferior becomes victorious. This was evidently our Case! which makes the Favour of Providence still greater. For so small was the Number of our Land Forces! Such the Superiority of the Enemy, with all the Advantages of Situation, that they thought themselves secure; while the highest that our Hopes could aspire to, was to be serviceable to our Country by making a Diversion in this Part of the Continent to favour our military Operations in another.

Surely! no one can entertain so strange a Supposition (though indeed we live in an Age of strange Thinking) that an Acknowledgement and Gratitude to Almighty God for Success and Victory, should in the least detract from that Respect, which I have already observed is due, in the second Place, to Persons of great Merit and Genius; who have been the distinguished and glorious Instruments of Success in the Hands of Providence. For as the Love of God always implies in it the Love of Man, so where there is Gratitude to God, it will necessarily be accompanied with a sensible Resentment to inferior Benefactors. There is indeed less Danger of a Defeat in the latter Case. But what I plead for is agreeable to our Saviour's Maxim, that this ought to be done, and the other not to be left undone. And indeed, this is so far from precluding that Respect and Gratitude