

feat, before any more than two of the following discourses were written, the author had so fully delivered his sentiments concerning the duty of Protestant Ministers in times of public danger, the subjects chiefly to be handled by them, and the zeal proper on such occasions, that when it became his own turn to handle the like subjects in the like emergencies, he could not but strive to come as near as possible to the rule he had before proposed ; and therefore he begs leave to refer the Reader to the said Letter (as contained in Appendix I.) for what may be further necessary by way of Preface to such of these Discourses as relate to the War.

BUT he would not hereby be understood as offering to excuse any faults that may be found in them, or any other part of this work. All he would say is, that he hopes the Occasion will generally justify the manner ; that he has always endeavoured to suit his language to his subject, and thinks he has no where offered to address the Passions without first striving to convince the Judgment. As for the rest, he has already experienced the kind indulgence of the public, and would not now doubt of its continuance.

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