

OH ! then, for some better Phœbus, some presiding Genius, to guide me through my remaining way ; to point out the *middle path*, and teach me to unite dignity with ease, strength with perspicuity ; and truth with the unaffected graces of elocution. Or rather, you shall be my *Phœbus*, my inspiring as well as presiding Genius, ye delegated fathers of your country ! So far will I strive to imitate * him, who always animated himself with his subject, by thus accosting himself before he went forth to speak—

“ REMEMBER, thou art this day going to address men born in the arms of liberty, GRECIANS, ATHENIANS !”—Let no thought enter thy heart—let no word fall from thy tongue—unworthy of such an audience !

As to that hero, whose memory you celebrate as a *Proto-Martyr* † to your rights—for through whatever fields I have strayed, he has never escaped my view—as to him I say, if any thing human could now reach his ear, nothing but the great concerns of virtue, liberty, truth and justice would be tolerable to him ; for to these was his life devoted from his early years.

He had received a liberal education in Ireland his native country, before he went into the army ; and was indeed endued with talents which would have led him to eminence in any profession. His own he studied with a felicity which soon distinguished his military abilities ; but war and conquest having no other charms to him than as the necessary means of peace and happiness to mankind ; he still found leisure, in the midst of camps, to cultivate an excellent taste for philosophy and polite literature. To these he added a careful study of the arts of government, and the rights of mankind ; looking forward to that time, when he might descend into the *still scenes* of private life ; and give a full flow

to

* Pericles.

† The author did not intend to appropriate this term so as to detract from the merit of Dr. Warren, and other brave men who fell before in the same cause.