

“ call him) strook me before the judgment seat, and cursed me, saying, ‘ *The curse of God or Jesus go with thee.*’ So we were carried to prison, where, not long after, I was deprived of my two loving friends; at whose departure the adversary stepped in, took hold on my spirit, and troubled me by the space of an hour, and then the Lord came in and sweetly relieved me, causing me to look to himself. So was I stayed and refreshed in the thoughts of my God. And although, during the time of my imprisonment, the tempter was busy, yet it pleased God so to stand at my right hand, that the motions were but sudden and so vanished away; and although there were that would have paid the money if I would accept it, yet durst not accept of deliverance in such a way, and therefore my answer to them was, that although I would acknowledge their love to a cup of cold water, yet could I not thank them for their money if they should pay it; so the court drew near, and the night before I should suffer according to my sentence, it pleased God I rested and slept quietly. In the morning many friends came to visit me, desiring me to take the refreshment of wine and other comforts; but my resolution was not to drink wine nor strong drink that day until my punishment was over, and the reason was, lest in case I had more strength, courage and boldness, than ordinarily would be expected, the world should either say he is drunk with new wine, or else that the strength and comfort of the creature have carried him through; but my course was this: I desired brother John Hazell to bear my friends company, and I took myself to my chamber, where I might communicate with my God, commit myself to him, and beg strength from him. I had no sooner sequestered myself and come into my chamber but Satan let fly at me, saying: Re-

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“ pious, and benevolent men of the age.” Said age, therefore, [say: *Mr. Edwards*]. What? amiable, most humble, most pious, most benevolent; and yet a striker, a cuffer, and curser of a fellow minister! Was not this Bishop Bonner’s practice? If Paul had been at the judgment seat instead of Holmes, would he not say (as he did in a similar case), “Thou whitest wall, smitest and cursest thou me contrary to the law of thy function?” No wonder that Gov. Endicott was a cuffer, and knew not that it was wrong, since his parson showed him the way.

See *Hutch. Hist.*, Vol. 3, p. —.