

nation, like the individual, conscious of guilt, and humbled by chastisement, sinks, in the dust, before her Judge, and seeks, by humble supplications, to avert, or to mitigate, the sentence of avenging justice.

It hath seemed good to the infinite wisdom of the Supreme Disposer of Events, that an appearance, without example in the history of the world, should draw the notice and astonishment of the present generation. In the heart of the civilised countries of the earth a terrible republic hath arisen, that wielding, in bloody hands, the sword of desolation, seemed, for a time, to have banished mercy and humanity from her territories; and has been, in the commencement and progress of her career, hostile, both in principle and conduct, to the peace; and established order, of every neighbouring society. Many nations have, indeed, been unjust and oppressive in their public measures; but  
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