

The Epistle Dedicatory.

vidence of God, to your Grace's *excellent Management* of things. And, as 'twere not enough to influence and govern the *Established Church* at home, your Grace takes also care to enlarge her *Bounds*, and the number of her *Members* abroad. Bless'd be God, our implacable Adversaries can no longer upbraid us with a *supine Neglect* of our *Heathen American Neighbours* in their *Spiritual Concerns*. We may now boast of a settled Society *de propaganda Fide* as well as *they*: And hope to bring over, in progress of Time, good store of *real Converts* to the *Truth*, in lieu of the many *pretended Ones* of theirs. That most venerable Society, as it consists of a considerable number of *excellent Persons* both in *Church* and *State*, so it is singularly happy in having the benefit of your Graces *ready Advice* and *Assistance* upon all occasions. You are indeed the *main Spring*, that animates that *truly Christian Body*, and it is your *extraordinary Zeal* for the *Cause of Christ* that gives *Life* and *Vigour* to her many great Designs.

Upon which account it is, That I presume to lay at your Grace's Feet this *new Edition* of the following *Geographical Treatise*. For having considered in it [under the general Head of *Religion*] the *Spiritual State* of *Mankind* through all Quarters of the known World; and finding, by a modest Calculation, that scarce five of twenty five Parts thereof are *Christian*: Who can refrain from wishing, that the thick Mists of *Pagan Ignorance* and *Error* were dispell'd by the radiant Beams of the