

TRACT FOR THE TIMES.

FRIENDS, FELLOW-CITIZENS AND COUNTRYMEN,—It is with feelings of the deepest concern that I am impelled at this time to address you by this means, upon the present state of our common country. If I am not able to please everyone, I shall perhaps have a kind of pleasure in pleasing myself. If I am unable to make you see just as I do, I shall, rest assured, not be disappointed, but my end shall be attained if I lead you to think, if not just as I do, yet just according to the light, I may say the peculiar light, which you may have. It's a happy thing in the construction of human society that there are varieties of intellects and thinking powers—just as there are various colours in nature. It is also a pleasant reflection that those colours can be blended and grouped together so as not to hide each other's perfection, but rather each one to help the other, and thus together to form an imposing, beautiful and powerful harmony. It is not by appealing to sectarian or sectional feelings, by awakening old party strifes, or stirring up old grievances that I would desire to ask you, along with me, to take matters of a most serious nature, concerning our selves, our homes, and to be the homes of our children, into consideration. It is not my design to censure one more than another, for I cannot see but we are all in a lesser or greater degree responsible for the state of things we find ourselves in.