

vereignty runs through all the dispensations  
 of his providence. That our cause is just,  
 for which we are contending with the ene-  
 my, is beyond dispute; for breach of treaties  
 and engagements are no strange things to  
 France. But what have the poor subjects,  
 or rather slaves, of that power to do with  
 this? Alas! we shall find Great Britain not  
 less deserving the tokens of the divine dis-  
 pleasure; may be more, if we consider the  
 largeness of our liberties, and that no men  
 can chain our consciences without our leave:  
 And yet the open abuse and sin against the  
 greatest external blessing God has to bestow  
 upon a people, his Revelation, seems to  
 weigh down the scale of our guilt as the  
 heaviest; for 'tis well known, that the peo-  
 ple we are fighting against, are not allowed  
 the privilege of a Bible, nor to read or think  
 for themselves, but must implicitly follow  
 their either ignorant or sophistical guides. I  
 believe no people under the heavens are so  
 privileged as we are. To insult an enemy  
 is tyranny and cowardice; to wish them de-  
 struction as men, is contrary to the nature of  
 a christian. We in our various characters,  
 upon this Day of Thanksgiving, have occasion  
 to be ashamed before the Lord; the greater