

vereignty runs through all the dispensations of his providence. That our cause is just, for which we are contending with the enemy, 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 displeasure; 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 people 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 destruction 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