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minister of Christ, I feel myself under obligations infinitely superior to all human laws, most solemnly to testify, both in public and in private, every where, in the hearing of all persons, rulers and subjects, against this atrocious wickedness, and to lay down my life, rather than cease this testimony. To you, my brethren, and to all my fellow citizens I say, in the language of the text, **"FIGHT YE NOT AGAINST THE LORD GOD OF YOUR FATHERS; FOR YE SHALL NOT PROSPER."**

No recent injury has been done us, no new provocation has been offered; nothing has happened of a nature to inflame the passions, and to bring on the present phrenzy. It is therefore the more wonderful, and can be accounted for on no other principle, but the imperceptible influence which the author of all evil, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience, has been permitted to exert in the hearts of dark-minded, cool, deliberately wicked rulers. They have acknowledged themselves caught and entangled in the toils of Bonaparte, that rival of satan himself in guile and mischief, and his most conspicuous agent here on earth. He twisted and prepared the slip-noose which our rulers, in fulfilment of prior engagements to him, have put about the neck of their country. Thus strangling us, snug in their lucrative places, with the calmness of French philosophers, they enjoy our agonies. "The king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city Shushan was perplexed."

Were not the authors of this war in character nearly akin to the deists and atheists of France; were they not men of hardened hearts, seared consciences,