

conceive a sentiment upon such a joyful occasion, more proper in itself, or more characteristic of that excellent man. Let *David* then be our example; and while we exult in the illustrious Triumphs of His MAJESTY'S Arms, let us acknowledge, with the humblest gratitude, that it is GOD who has given us the VICTORY! I meet you, my Brethren, this day with particular pleasure, as I see such evident demonstrations of your Loyalty to the KING; a universal, undissembled transport animating every countenance, and sparkling in every eye. I acknowledge the strict propriety of those praises which you bestow upon the intrepid conduct of our Officers, and the unrivalled gallantry of the *British* Sailors. It is but equitable to give honor to whom honor is due: and perhaps it would be difficult to produce an instance in history, of men who had a more just claim to the applauses of their country. But after all, it becomes us, as Christians, to recollect the idea of the text, to look beyond second causes to the *First Cause* of every event, to realize the Divine Agency, and bow our knees in Thanksgiving to God. To assist you in cultivating these dispositions of heart is the proper province of the pulpit, and the design of the present discourse, "O sing unto the Lord a new Song, for he hath done marvellous things, *His* right Hand and *His* holy Arm hath gotten him the Victory."

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From this passage we collect two propositions, distinct
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