

The justice and necessity of the WAR
with our AMERICAN COLONIES,
considered.

*Shall I yet again go out to battle against the
children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I
cease? Judges xx. 28.*

THESE words are taken from the history of that war which the children of Israel carried on against the tribe of Benjamin, on account of an enormous act of cruelty and injustice done to a private person of Israel, by the men of Gibeah, a town of Benjamin. Compensation for this injury was at first demanded; but it was refused with insolence. War ensued; and the Israelites were defeated in two great battles, with the loss of forty thousand men. They had consulted the Lord each time they had taken the field; but, for wise reasons, only known to himself, he fought not on their side. The children of Israel, afflicted and dismayed, and affraid that their sins were

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