

abated. They naturally expect this of us. The Governor of Quebec has probably flattered them that so very dreadful a calamity, which can hardly befall such a city in treble the life of man, will not pass unheeded by so wise, humane, and politic a nation as this. The unhappy sufferers know that in our private capacities we are *rich*, and candidates for the reputation of the most extensive benevolence; and we cannot but admit the propriety of this opinion. It is likewise obvious that *sufferers*, such as these, are privileged, as it were by an express mandate from heaven, to *beg* relief; and of whom *can* they beg it, if not of *us*?

The *distresses* of our nation (if upon the comparison this expression is warrantable) do not immediately reach to individuals. On the contrary, the skill, industry, and labor of great numbers during our *war*, and in time of *peace* also, have been so well paid for, as to be converted into so much