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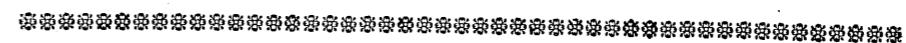


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C O N C E R N I N G T H E
F O U N D L I N G - H O S P I T A L :

Pointing out the ill Effects which such an Hospital is likely to have upon the *Religion, Liberty, and domestic Happiness* of the PEOPLE of *GREAT BRITAIN*: Written for the Information of those respectable Persons whose humane and charitable Dispositions have led them to support that Hospital; and intended for to shew all Fathers and Mothers, what a *Hydra* they are nursing for Posterity.

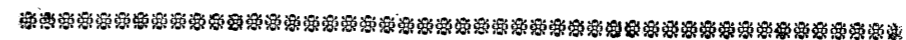
To which are prefixed,

Former OBSERVATIONS concerning the said HOSPITAL.



Most humbly submitted to the Consideration of PARLIAMENT.

By *J. Massie.*



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The Foundling - Hospital.

N Hospital for exposed and deserted young Children is highly necessary in this great City, to prevent the Destruction of illegitimate Infants, and to preserve from Forfeiture the Lives of many wretched Mothers whom a strong Sense of Shame might otherwise precipitate into capital Offences; but it is Matter of Concern, that Depravity of Morals hath made such Progress in this Metropolis as to produce a great Number of Foundlings, and that Diffoluteness hath so far got the better of Parental Affection as to induce married People of the poorer Sort to give up and forsake their own Offspring.

Because the Happiness of Individuals, and the Welfare of Society, do very much depend upon preserving those natural Obligations which are by that Means dissolved; for as such Children are deserted in Infancy by their Parents, the latter do thereby forfeit all their natural Claim to Assistance in Old Age from the former: so that the Charge of Maintaining and Educating those Children will necessarily bring on another Charge to Maintain their Parents when they grow Old; for though some of them may be wealthy or substantial Persons, yet *Nine* out of *Ten* undoubtedly are common People who have no other Means of Living than by Labour.

And it is highly probable, that the unnatural Example of such Parents will be followed by their Sons and Daughters, when they come to be Fathers and Mothers; as they will not have any *known Brothers, Sisters*, or other Relations, to *give them good Advice*, to *assist them while they behave well*, or to *restrain them from doing Ill*: for though an honest Education is a great Matter, yet will the future Influence thereof be very small without the proper Accompaniments of *Kindred and Parental Example*; and as they will be intirely deprived of the former, I do not see how better can be expected from them, than their doing by their Children as their Parents did by them.

For there is a Shew of Reason in such Retaliation, and though Nature may plead strongly against it, yet will natural Dislike to hard Labour be a powerful Opponent; and when People *who live from Hand to Mouth* can have their Children maintained at the Public Charge, it is most probable that *Inclination to Ease* will get the better of *Parental Affection*: so that the Nation is in a likely Way to increase, by *Parents being released from the strong Obligations they are under of Maintaining and Educating their own Children*; for as People may now enjoy natural Pleasures without bearing those consequential Charges which they ought to pay, and with an Exemption from Punishment and Shame, the Consequence will be, *one Sort of INCREASE.*

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But when the remote Effects of *such an Increase* come to be considered, I fear they will be found of so dangerous a Tendency as to merit most serious Attention; for of all the Misfortunes which can happen to an innocent Person in Civil Society, there are few so great as that of being destitute of real or reputed Parents and Relations: and the Situation of Children who are Educated as Foundlings will be even worse than this, for they cannot know *Where they were born*, or *Who are their Parents*; nor can they have any Foundation to think better of their Parents than that *they would have destroyed them* if there had not been an Hospital to receive exposed and deserted Infants.

For though it may reasonably be hoped, that many of the Children there Educated were not in that Case, yet will all of them who are not claimed by their Parents have Reason to think so; because they cannot avoid knowing, that the Hospital in which they were brought up, was purposely built to prevent the Destruction of exposed and deserted young Children: so that every Child who shall be Educated as a Foundling, will come into Society *without any one social Connection*, and with such strong Ideas of most unnatural Parental Cruelty, as will not only prove *incurable Wounds to the Peace of good Minds*, but become a *very great Encouragement to Dissoluteness and living in common*.

These Considerations have induced me to look upon the HOSPITAL for exposed and deserted young Children with much less Satisfaction than I should otherwise have done; and to consider it as an Establishment that ought to be confined to the Subscriptions, Donations, and Legacies of private Persons, rather than extended by solemn Grants of Public Money: because a general Knowledge of those Grants, in all Parts of this Kingdom, will probably cause *Five* Children to be made Foundlings, for *One* Child that is *really so*; and if there should be any express Appropriation to reimburse such Public Money, *Foundling-Children* probably may be INCREASED to *Ten, Twenty, or Thirty* Times their proper Number.

For though the having of Children out of Wedlock will not be at all justified by those Means, yet will they be apt to produce the Effects of a Justification among common People; and as to the Scandal which it is now thought to be, for working People who are married to give up and forsake their Children, that will wear off as the Practice increases: so that if the FOUNDLING-HOSPITAL should continue to be countenanced and supported in that public and unlimited Manner which it hath been of late Years, I am humbly of Opinion, that the Charge thereof to the PUBLIC would not be so little by the End of this Century as ONE MILLION OF POUNDS Sterling per Annum.

And the Charge of Maintaining parochial Poor, must, in that Case, necessarily be increased *several Hundred THOUSAND Pounds a Year*, by the Parents of Foundling-Children; so that the *Commodities and Manufactures* of this Nation probably would be loaded with A TAX of *One MILLION Five Hundred THOUSAND Pounds a Year*, for, or in consequence of, the FOUNDLING-HOSPITAL: but even this is not the worst that may be expected, for

for in Fifty Years Time there probably would be *Fifty Thousand MEN and WOMEN without any one known Relation*; and what SOCIETY hath to hope or fear from that Number of such People, may easily be guessed by the Histories of those Men and Women whose Lives are ended at Tyburn.

As to Foreign Experience in Foundling-Hospitals or concerning Foundling-People, it is of little Weight here, because the Circumstances of these Nations in regard to LIBERTY and PLENTY cannot be equalled; nor can Experience relating to Children educated in CHARITY-SCHOOLS invalidate what I have mentioned concerning Foundlings, because the former know *Who their Parents are or were*; so that they come into Society with the same Sort of Connections which other People have, and without any shocking Ideas of most unnatural Parental Cruelty; but the latter must come into the wide World without being able to claim Kindred with *Man, Woman, or Child*, and under a Sort of Necessity to conceal by *Falsities* their forlorn Condition.

For frequent Experience shews, that personal Merit and Wealth are hardly sufficient to obtain that general good Reception for illegitimate Persons which other Persons have of course; and as to illegitimate People of the lower Classes, they always labour under Disadvantages on that Account, nor is there any Scruple made of branding them with Bastardy: but the Masters and Mistresses of well-regulated Families are very scrupulous of employing such People, for though they may behave well, yet Experience is against them; and if this be the Case of illegitimate People *who know their Parents and Relations*, what must be the Case of Foundling-Children, *the most wretched of all ILLEGITIMATES*?

If they ingenuously tell their hard Case, the Consequence will be, a Subjection to such Reproaches and contemptuous Treatment as mild and good Dispositions cannot bear up against; so that an audacious and licentious Behaviour, *the first Step toward Ruin*, must necessarily be contracted, to brave what a commendable Demeanour cannot support: or if they say that the Places of their Birth are in such a Town or Parish, they will some Time or other be questioned by Persons who know those Places, and then the Falsity will be discovered; in which Case, those unhappy People are more likely to be suspected of *Murder or Robbery* in their native Places, than of being thought *innocent and forlorn*.

Certainly the evident Probability that most Foundlings must come into one or other of these truly pitiable Circumstances, cannot be thought lightly of by humane and benevolent Persons; for next to destroying or maiming of Children, the bringing of them up in a Way that is almost sure to make their Lives unhappy, doth seem to me to be the greatest Cruelty: and that most of the Children who are Educated as Foundlings will either be *unhappy in themselves or mischievous to Society*, appears too plain from the several Matters before mentioned; so that I cannot help wishing to see this Sort of Education restrained within narrow Bounds, for *the Lives of a Hundred Children may be preserved without making a Thousand wretched*.

I shall be very glad to find that these Matters are not as they appear to me; and if any Person can invalidate what I have mentioned here, I hope he will do

do it publicly : but if these Observations should be in some Measure right, there will unhappily be too much Reason for saying, that this *present Humanity* will be *future Cruelty*.

As to an *Increase of People* by these *lawless Means*, I am so far from expecting any such Thing, that I really believe they would ultimately cause great *Depopulation*; for working People who are sober and industrious, have not only more Children than dissolute People, but such as are more able and willing to perform the several Duties of Life.

And as to any Reference to the *FOUNDLING-HOSPITAL* in *France*, I shall only say, that if the *French* bring up poor Children so as to make them wretched, this Nation should not follow their Example. — A Government that doth not scruple to sacrifice a *Hundred Thousand Men* to gratify *Ambition*, cannot be expected to consult the Happiness of poor Children by a proper Education; for such a Government must devise Expedients to have as many People bred as may be, and a Foundling Education will do for poor Men who are to be *Fod for Powder*: but as this Country is blessed with another Sort of Government, and with a most gracious Sovereign who hath a Parental Regard for His People, — *What hath French Example to do here?*

Thus far was written and sent to in June 1758.

AN ACCOUNT of the Number of CHILDREN received into the FOUNDLING-HOSPITAL.

Extracted from The Gazetteer and London Daily Advertiser for Thursday 12th Oct. 1758.

From the 25th of March 1741, to the 31st of December 1757, the Number of CHILDREN received into this HOSPITAL, is	
SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED and <i>Ninety-four</i> .	
Of which have been claimed and returned to their Parents, on proper Security given for their Maintenance and Education	21
Of the Boys apprenticed to Sea-Service, to Husbandry, and One placed and assigned to Mr Richard Shrapnel, Executor of Lewin Chalmley, Esq; to be brought up, educated, and provided for, according to the Will of Testator	62
Of the Girls apprenticed in small Families	43
Alive in the Country	3,611
— in the Hospital	316
— in the Hospital at <i>Ackworth</i> [in <i>Yorkshire</i>]	20
Have died in Town and Country to the 31st of December 1757 . .	3,947
	2,821
	<u>6,894</u>

N. B. Of these Children, FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and *Ten* have been received since the First of *June* 1756

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This Account shews that my Observations concerning the *Foundling-Hospital* are unhappily too well founded; for it hereby appears, that the Authoritative Encouragement and Public Support, given and granted for the said Hospital, have, in *Nineteen Months ONLY*, increased the Number of *Foundling Children* to THIRTY - SEVEN Times AS MANY as were admitted into that Hospital in the like Number of Months, when the same was confined to private Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies; and ALL THIS, in SO SHORT A TIME, when the AWE OF RELIGION, the SENSE OF SHAME, and NATURE'S STRONGEST TIES, had not established Custom and Example to COMBAT WITH.

There have been no less than FIVE THOUSAND Children deserted and made *Foundlings* by their Parents, exclusive of a greater Number of such Children than there is any Reason for thinking would have been destroyed or deserted in the like Interval of Time, if there had not been a *Foundling-Hospital*; which is a sad Proof, that the before-mentioned Authoritative Encouragement and Public Support, are thought by common People to be a Justification for their having Children out of Wedlock, and for the Married among them; to be so unnaturally wicked and cruel as to desert and bastardize their Children.

TWO or THREE THOUSAND young Women probably have been SEDUCED by the aforesaid Means; and, Who can restore their Peace of Mind? — Who will employ them, so that they may get an honest Livelihood? — What Foundation is there to think that Nine in Ten of those unhappy Women will not fall VICTIMS to Disease or Justice? — And, What Reason is there then to expect that *lawless Population* will not cause A RAPID DECREASE in the Number of People?

Such are the First Fruits of a well-intended, but unhappily misguided Charity; and yet these are scarcely Half of what probably have been produced since December 1757, or will be produced before September 1759, which is the earliest Stop that, in Compassion to the Wretched, can be put to this misplaced Humanity; even supposing it should be thought expedient to set forth in a solemn Proclamation, the Motives for supporting the said Hospital, &c. &c.: so that the whole pecuniary Expence to the PUBLIC, of making this unhappy Experiment, is not likely to be much less than ONE MILLION OF POUNDS Sterling; and as to the Loss of Reputation to SOME THOUSANDS of young Women, the little Good there is to be expected from their deserted Offspring, &c. I shall leave every Reader to weigh those Matters in his own Breast; for I have said enough to shew that Guilt, Disease, Depopulation, and Wretchedness, are the best Consequences which can be expected from continuing to encourage a Manner of Life that is utterly repugnant TO RELIGION AND TO NATURE.

30th October, 1758.

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The Foundling - Hospital.

IT is not more than Fifty Years since the People of *England* were so zealous in Support of their Religion, that *the bare Suspicion of an Intention to weaken its Foundation*, was sufficient to alienate their Affections from those great Men who were the glorious Instruments of preserving the Religion of this Country, and the Liberty of many Nations; for no sooner was a false and factious Alarm spread of *the Church being in Danger*, than the illustrious Names of *Marlborough* and *Godolphin* were vilely traduced, and the Reins of Power wrested out of their Hands by a Set of wicked Men, who afterwards endeavoured to *over-turn the very Church* they then pretended to defend.

But so mighty a Change hath Half a Century wrought, and so luke-warm is religious Zeal in this Nation become, that an Establishment which strikes at the very Root of the Christian Religion, hath been countenanced and encouraged even by some of its Pastors and Teachers; and so far are the Terrors of *Popery* and *Slavery* abated in the Minds of this Protestant and Free Nation, that the Sons of those Men who dreaded the very Thought of either, can disregard the wise Instruction of their Fore-Fathers, and gravely quote the Example of the *Pope* and the *French King*, in Support of a public Hospital for Bastard-Children.

There was a Time, when any Proposal for the Establishment of such an Hospital in this Country, would have been rejected with Disdain by the People of *England*; and when the Example of *Popish* or *Slavish* Nations would have been sufficient to condemn any Thing that had the least Connection with Religion or with Liberty: nor would this have been done from Motives of blind and frantic Zeal, but upon Principles of true Religion, and from that natural Love of Liberty, which heretofore induced the wise and good Men of this Nation to forewarn all People, of the Misery and Wretchedness which are inseparable from the *Romish* Religion and Arbitrary Government.

For those great Men well knew, how wretched the People of neighbouring Countries were made by the wicked Maxims and Superstition of *Popery*, and how many flourishing Nations had been deprived of their Liberty, Power, and

and Happiness, by Irreligion, Luxury, and Lewdness; all which calamitous Events, they did not only make known in the most public Manner for the Good of those who then lived, but kindly extended their Regard to Posterity, by raising in the Minds of their Countrymen, an inveterate Hatred against *ROME* and *FRANCE*, from whence RELIGION and LIBERTY had most to fear.

For those venerable Patriots wisely foresaw, that a deep rooted Abhorrence of the wicked Maxims and Measures pursued in those Two Countries, would be the strongest and most lasting Security against *Popery* and *Slavery* in *England*, as it must necessarily enforce a Pursuit of other Measures here; and knowing that Ideas of Danger and Hatred, when impressed on infant Minds, do hardly ever wear out, they sagaciously introduced that seemingly simple Custom of training up *English* Children in a Belief that the *POPE*, the *DEVIL*, and the *FRENCH KING* were alike terrible Enemies to them.

Which Belief was afterwards strengthened as those Children grew up, by the annual Exhibition of striking Objects, and the Performance of sportive Ceremonies; for the School-Boys of every City, Town, and Parish, were instructed to carry about in Effigy, the *Pope*, the *Devil*, and the *French King*; and to express a Hatred of them by publicly burning their Effigies: so that *English* Children had a confirmed Antipathy against the *Pope*, the *French King*, and latterly, with as much Cause, against the *Pretender*, long before they arrived at Years of Discretion, so as to be capable of abhorring upon Principles of Reason, either them or their diabolical Maxims and Proceedings.

Such admirable Judges of Human Nature, were those Christian Heroes and Champions of Liberty, that they raised out of the Sport and Play of SCHOOL-BOYS, much sharper and stronger Weapons against *POPERY* AND *SLAVERY*, than the graver Means of Law, or the more promising Means of Learning, have commonly produced in any Nation; for the best of Laws may be repealed, or rendered ineffectual without Repeal; and too many Instances there are upon Record, of a truly liberal Education having been prostituted to the vilest of Purposes by great wicked Men; but no such Men have ever yet been able to turn those sharper Weapons, against that RELIGION AND LIBERTY which they were raised to defend.

As soon may we expect the *Ethiopian* to change his Skin, or the *Leopard* his Spots, as that sober and industrious *Englishmen*, though poor, will knowingly lift up their Hands in Defence of *Popery* and *Slavery*, or shrink in the Cause of their Country, when bravely led on by good Men of this Land: but vain is it to look for such heroic Fortitude, in the Defence of Religion, of Liberty, or of *England*, from Men whom a Contempt for SACRED THINGS shall have plunged into all manner of Wickedness, and made insensible of every social Virtue; for VICE, like DEATH, brings all Men and all Nations upon a Level.

In that perilous Time when *Popery* and *Slavery* were seated on the Throne, and a Standing Army was raised to spread Desolation throughout the Land, those brave but illiterate Men who were to have been the innocent Instruments of

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of Cruelty and Tyranny, shouted for Joy when they heard that SEVEN PROTESTANT BISHOPS were rescued from the *Jaws of POPERY*: and he who then endeavoured to *subvert* the CONSTITUTION he had *sworn to maintain*, was become so contemptible in the Eyes of his Subjects, that a poor Waterman being asked if he could carry HIM on Shore, scoffingly said, *he could carry HIM a Shore if HE had the POPE in HIS BODY.*

So strong an Abhorrence of *Popery* and *Slavery* had those poor Men, and the common People of *England* in general, *sucked in with their Milk as it were*, that neither Hope of Reward nor Fear of Punishment could overcome it; for they both spoke and acted boldly upon several public Occasions, while their Superiors proceeded covertly: but it is Folly to imagine, that the common People of *England* will so bravely oppose and fight against *Popery*, any longer than they have a Sense of the *Protestant Religion*; or not obey Commands to *enslave* their Fellow-Subjects, if ever *Luxury* and *Lewdness* shall debauch their *Minds*, and make them *Slaves* to their own *Appetites*.

These Things being considered, I cannot help dreading the worst of Consequences from that well-intended Establishment a *Foundling-Hospital*; as it doth not appear to me that such an Hospital really can be defended upon Principles of *Christianity*, *Humanity*, or *Population*, although the two latter undoubtedly were the commendable Motives for building One here: and as to the Example of *Rome* and *France*, neither were ever yet quoted, *by any true Briton*, as Reasons for establishing in this *Protestant* and *Free* Nation, either an *Inquisition* or a *Bastile*, although there long have been such Establishments in those Two Countries; and therefore, it is in vain for any Man to think of defending *by such Precedents* an Hospital for *Bastard-Children*.

Because, *Example* proves as much in one Case as in another; and when a Defence is rested upon such a Foundation, Reason and Argument are quite out of the Question; as most certainly they may be in the present Case, since a *Foundling-Hospital* stands condemned by those very Examples which are brought to justify the Establishment of one in this Country; for *high* and *low*, *rich* and *poor*, all know that it hath long been the established Custom of this Nation, to instill into their Childrens Minds an early Dread of the wicked Maxims and Measures of *Rome* and *France*, from whence the Example of such an Hospital is brought.

And, that the People of *England* have abundant Cause to dread, what their humane and charitable Dispositions have led them to approve, is not only manifested by the Matters before mentioned, and by the many Thousands of Children which have been brought into the *Foundling-Hospital*, but made notorious by its Repugnancy to *Christianity*, *Nature*, *Virtue*, *Equity* and *Law*; in Proof whereof, I shall insert a Law concerning Bastard-Children and their Parents, which was made in the 18th Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, whose wise Measures did not only make the People of *England* happy while she ruled over them, but have ever since served as Fountains for STATESMEN to draw *Wisdom* and *Happiness* from.—

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“ First, concerning Bastards, begotten and born out of lawful Matrimony “ (*an Offence against GOD’s LAW and Man’s Law*), the said Bastards “ being now left to be kept at the Charges of the Parish where they be “ born, to the great Burden of the same Parish, and in defrauding of the “ Relief of the impotent and aged TRUE Poor of the same Parish, and to “ the evil Example and Encouragement of lewd Life: It is ordained and “ enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Two Justices of the Peace, “ whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, in or next unto the Limits where the “ Parish Church is, within which Parish such Bastard shall be born, (upon “ Examination of the Cause and Circumstance) shall and may by their Discretion “ take Order, as well for the Punishment of the Mother and reputed Father of “ such Bastard-Child, as also for the better Relief of every such Parish in part “ or in all, and shall and may likewise by like Discretion take Order for the “ keeping of every such Bastard-Child, by charging such Mother or reputed “ Father with the Payment of Money weekly, or other Sustentation for the “ Relief of such Child, in such wise as they shall think meet and convenient. “ And if after the same Order by them subscribed under their Hands, any “ the said Persons, viz. Mother or reputed Father, upon Notice thereof, “ shall not for their Part observe and perform the said Order; that then “ every such Party so making Default, in not performing of the said Order, “ to be committed to Ward to the common Goal, there to remain without Bail “ or Mainprize, except he, she, or they shall put in sufficient Surety, to “ perform the said Order, or else personally to appear at the next general “ Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in that County where such “ Order shall be taken, and also to abide such Order as the said Justices of “ the Peace, or the more Part of them, then and there shall take in that “ Behalf (if they then and there shall take any), and that if at the said “ Sessions the said Justices shall take no other Order, then to abide and “ perform the Order before made, as is above said Statute 18 *Elizabeth*, “ Chap. 3. Sect. 1.”

This is one of those Fountains of *Wisdom* and *Happiness* which were opened for the People of *England*, in the Reign of that Princess, whom the wise Sir *Walter Raleigh* honoured even in the Dust; and of whom the great Lord *Bacon* said — “ She was admirable among WOMEN, memorable “ among PRINCES, and in the Race that TIME has hitherto run be “ bath not shewn her EQUAL.”—

Nor have devouring Time or stealing Peace yet razed out of the Minds of *Englishmen*, a due Sense of Obligation to the wise Measures of Queen *Elizabeth*, for Ministers of State do even now appeal to them in the last Resort; well knowing, that a Conformity to what was done in her Reign, stilleth the raging of Faction, and dispelleth the Fears of the People; for they still basking in the Warmth of Her princely Wisdom and Love, do rest assured, that whatever concords with the Measures which She approved, will sooner or later produce the like benign Effects; and under that Assurance are easily won to an Approbation of Measures, which are either of too complicated a Nature, or too remote in their Operation, for ordinary Capacities to discover *Reftitude* in them.

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How then cometh it to pass, or to what Fatality hath it been owing, that this self-same princely Wisdom and Love, *which, by a more than mortal Efficacy, do of themselves make the PEOPLE OF ENGLAND believe what they cannot comprehend,* have been neglected and over-ruled where they are supported by the eternal and immutable Laws of GOD, of Nature, and of Equity?

Think ye, O People, that the Princess, whose wife Steps have been so long followed with Security and Happiness in your worldly Concerns, knew not that *the Fear of the LORD is the Beginning of Wisdom*; or have ye not heard that the glad Tidings of Victory brought forth Thanks and Praise to the LORD OF HOSTS, *from the Mouth of your righteous KING*?

I.

Wherefore, O People, was it said in ancient Days, that *the Fear of the LORD is the Beginning of Wisdom*?

Is it not that Fear which maketh Men happy in themselves, and compassionate to their Fellow-Creatures?

Doth not that Fear make Men strong in Battle, and discomfit mighty Hosts of their Enemies?

Is it not that Fear which supporteth Men under Affliction, and maketh them chearful in Adversity?

Doth not that Fear make Men honoured in Prosperity, and create a Reverence unknown to Power?

II.

Know ye not, O People, that HE who framed the *Universe*, and strewed the Firmament with *Stars*, made Laws to support them?

Perceive ye not the *Planets* rolling in their trackless Orbits, and yet true to their appointed Times?

Behold ye not *Day* and *Night*, *Summer* and *Winter* succeeding each other, in their wonted Courses?

See ye not *Beasts*, *Birds*, and *Fishes* retaining their Natures, and each bringing forth their Kind?

Think ye not that such *stupendous Movement*, and *amazing Regularity*, proceed from OMNIPOTENCE?

III.

Know ye not, O People, that HE who worketh those mighty Wonders in Heaven and on Earth, can alter HIS *Purpose*?

Perceive ye not how little the regular Succession of Day and Night, Summer and Winter, availeth to Man?

Have ye not beheld how one Summer bringeth forth *Plenty* and *Health*, and another, *Scarcity* and *Sickness*?

Have ye not seen how *Plague*, *Pestilence* and *Famine*, *Battle*, *Murder* and *sudden Death* hang over your Heads?

Think ye not that such awful Irregularities regarding Men, are to make them remember and fear A GOD?

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Know ye not, O People, that Human Laws derive their Force and Efficacy from the great LAW - GIVER?

Perceive ye not that they who most regard the DIVINE COMMANDS do best observe the *Decrees of Men*?

Behold ye not how fearlessly your Laws are transgressed by those Wretches who remember not their CREATOR?

See ye not how little the *Wicked* regard those *public Executions* which are intended to deter them from *Evil*?

Think ye not then, that Strength cometh to the *Laws of Men*, from enforcing Obedience to the LAWS OF GOD?

V.

Wherefore, O People of this Land, do ye cast out of your Houses, the PROFLIGATE, WICKED AND ABANDONED?

Is it not because those *lawless Wretches* are Enemies to your LIBERTY, PROPERTY, HAPPINESS AND SAFETY?

Is it not to prevent JEALOUSY AND DISCORD between *Man* and *Wife*, and to keep *Children* from EVIL WAYS?

Is it not to secure from RAPINE AND WASTE, those *Means of Happiness* which are earned by INDUSTRY?

Will ye then, *by a misplaced Humanity*, make SWARMS of those *lawless Wretches*, and bring yourselves to DESTRUCTION?

VI.

Know ye not, O People, that it is written, *he who sheddeth MAN's BLOOD, by Man shall HIS BLOOD BE SHED*?

Perceive ye not that this is a DIVINE JUSTIFICATION for *putting to Death* all Sheddeth of *innocent Blood*?

Behold ye not what hath followed from the suffering of EVIL in this Land, *that GOOD may come of it*?

See ye any GOOD that hath come from your Sufferance of EVIL, or see ye not EVIL upon EVIL *springing forth*?

Think ye not then, that these are *awful Warnings* to return into those WAYS OF SAFETY *from whence ye have wandered*?

VII.

Know ye not, O Christians, that CORRUPTION OF MANNERS is requisite to support *Corruptions of Religion*?

Are not the *Popish* Corruptions of CHRISTIANITY supported by *Lewdness*, *Ignorance*, and *Persecution*?

Is not LEWDNESS encouraged by Hospitals for *Bastards*, to make the *Popish* Laity as wicked as their Clergy?

Are not the Scriptures concealed from *Papists*, to keep them in IGNORANCE of Christianity and their Errors?

Is not an Inquisition set up, to PERSECUTE with RACK AND TORTURE, all who speak against those *Popish* Corruptions?

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VIII.

Foresee ye not, O Protestants, that such *Encouragement* to LEWDNESS will destroy Confidence between *Man and Wife*?
Is not that mutual Confidence already destroyed in those *Popish* Countries where *Husbands* IMPRISON *their Wives*?
What beides *Hospitals* for BASTARDS, and the *lewd Lives* of POPISH CLERGY, can have *destroyed that Confidence*?
Were not the Women of ancient ROME *virtuous and free*, so long as their Husbands maintained *Religion and Liberty*?
Think, O BRITONS, what would become of your *Liberty and Happiness*, if your WIVES were to be *Slaves and Prisoners*?

IX.

Know ye not, O People, that the BEASTS of the FIELD, and the FOWLS of the AIR, *CHERISH their Young*?
Perceive ye not how Creatures of a *timorous Nature* become *fierce*, when DANGER *approacheth their little Ones*?
Behold ye not how that *Law of Nature* endeareth *Infants to Mothers* who hold RELIGION AND VIRTUE dear?
See ye not how that *Law of Nature* is EFFACED in those PARENTS whom your Sufferance hath led astray?
Think ye not this a Proof, that the LAWS of your RELIGION proceed from the great AUTHOR OF NATURE?

X.

Know ye not, O Men of Learning, that *Religion, Liberty, and Happiness* came and fled from GREECE and ROME together?
Did not the wife King NUMA make *Religion* a Shield to *Justice*, and transform THIEVES into *virtuous ROMANS*?
Was it not the AWE and Force of that *Religion* which raised a small and poor State, to UNIVERSAL EMPIRE?
Did not *that same Empire* SINK as a *Sense of Religion* DECREASED, and fall a Sacrifice to GOTHIC Barbarism?
Think ye not then, O Statesmen and Law-givers, that JUSTICE is a *helpless Virgin*, without the *potent Armour* of RELIGION?

XI.

Know ye not, O People, that roving *Arabs* and savage *Tartars* do commit MURDER without *Horror or Remorse*?
Perceive ye not thereby, that it is *Religion* which maketh MURDER *horrible*, and raiseth a *Hell* in the *Murderer's Mind*?
Have ye not often heard how a *revived Sense of Religion* hath FORCED *Blood-Shedders* to become their OWN ACCUSERS?
Have ye not been told how *lightly MURDER* is *thought of* in those Countries where *Lewdness* and *Superstition* prevail?
Think ye not then, that RELIGION protecteth your *Lives by NIGHT*, and is your *Safe-guard* against *way-faring EVIL*?

XII. Know

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Know ye not, O People, that *Religion* leadeth to *Industry*, and maketh the *Poor* CONTENTED with the Fruits of their *Labour*?
Perceive ye not that WEALTH cometh into this Land from the *Labour* of the POOR, even as *Honey* cometh from the *Bee*?
Behold ye not the *Wicked, Profligate and Abandoned*, turning their *Hands* from *Labour* and their *Thoughts* to *Mischief*?
See ye not how their CRIMES become *Punishments* to Them who possess the Means of *Instruction and Comfort*?
Think ye not then, that these are severe Admonitions to *care for those* whom GOD hath committed to Their Charge?

XIII.

Know ye not, O People, what happeneth unto those Women whom Deceit, Necessity, or Inclination lead astray?
Perceive ye not that such Women drag on a Life of Wretchedness, and become Burthens to Civil Society?
Behold ye not how Disease and Remorse prevent them from being the joyful Mothers of many Children?
See ye not how those seduced Women become Seducers of Men, and cut them off from the Face of the Earth?
Think ye not then, that such Women are as a wide-wasting Pestilence, and bring Defolation into the Land?

XIV.

Know ye not, O People, that the *Beasts* of the Field, and *Fowls* of the Air, DO LABOUR for the *Food* which nourisheth their little Ones?
Perceive ye not the JUSTICE of *Parents* LABOURING for the *Food* of *their Children*, according to that *Law of Nature*?
Behold ye not how UNNATURAL it is, to feed the Children of ABLE Parents with the *Bread* of *other Children*?
See ye not how such Proceedings discourage INDUSTRY, *incline to SLOTH*, and *will bring POVERTY* into the Land?
Think ye not then, that those Things are intended by OMNIPOTENCE, to deter Men from *dispensing* with HIS LAWS?

XV.

Know ye not, O learned Men, that in the Days of ELIZABETH, wife Questions were put to those who thirsted after strange Countries?
Perceive ye not thereby, how *watchful* She was to keep EVIL from her *People*, and DANGER from *their Children's Children*?
Behold ye not how *wise Men* gather WISDOM from *wicked Nations*, even as the *Bee* gathereth HONEY from *bitter Flowers*?
See ye not how *weak Men* learn to despise the *wise Customs* of this Nation, scattering WEALTH *Abroad*, and bringing FOLLY *Home*?
Think ye not then, that such Men should be kept in their native Land, for the *Safety, Honour, and Welfare* of THESE KINGDOMS?

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Know ye not, O wealthy Men, that THE ALMIGHTY HATH REQUIRED FROM YOUR HANDS a due Care of the POOR ?
 Perceive ye not how *Pride* swelleth up the wealthy Men of other Nations, and maketh them forget the NEEDY ?
 Behold ye not how weak Men of this Land do follow that Example, and turn a deaf Ear to the NECESSITOUS ?
 See ye that it is any where written in the Divine Commands,—Spare the HARLOT, and beat the HUNGRY with many Stripes ?
 Think ye not that such Things are discerned by HIM, without whose Knowledge a Sparrow falleth not to the Ground ?

XVII.

Know ye not, O Men of Renown, that the GOOD DEEDS of your Fore-Fathers were crowned with *Length of Days* and *Peace of Mind* ?
 Perceive ye not how *ill Deeds* and *Folly* gnaw away the PEACE and LIFE of Man, even as it were a *Moth* fretting a Garment ?
 Behold ye not REMORSE sitting in gilded Chariots, and HORROR blazoned in the Countenances of fallen Men ?
 See ye not that those MISERIES proceed from a Hell upon Earth, where Devils in human Shape sit brooding ?
 Think ye not that Beelzebub instigateth them to corrupt YOUTH, and bring the WEALTHY to untimely Ends ?

XVIII.

Right well, O Spiritual Guides, ye know, that it is written, *every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to DESOLATION*.
 Think ye not also, that a Kingdom is DIVIDED against ITSELF, when Men in Authority permit what GOD forbiddeth ?
 Hear ye not how DESOLATION prevaileth in those Kingdoms where idolatrous Worship, and Lewdness, prevail by Authority ?
 See ye not how the Law of Elizabeth taketh Root in CHRISTIANITY, and groweth round NATURE AND JUSTICE ?
 Perceive ye how a Kingdom can be WHOLE, when the Powers of RELIGION AND LAW are warring against each other ?

XIX.

Right well, O Men in Authority, ye know, that it is written, MUCH is REQUIRED from Those to whom MUCH is GIVEN.
 Perceive ye not also, how the Poor look up for Bread, Instruction, and Example, from Those who BEAR RULE over them ?
 Behold ye not how the MULTITUDE stand in Awe of JUST MEN, and shew Respect to THEM who set GOOD EXAMPLE ?
 See ye any Cause to believe that AWE and RESPECT will continue to MEN, any longer than DUE REVERENCE is shewn to GOD ?
 Think ye not that suffering the LAWS OF RELIGION to be CONTEMNED, will bring WOE to the RICH, and SORROW to the WEALTHY ?

XX. Say

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Say ye not, O Writers to the People, that the Army of this Nation is fighting in Defence of the PROTESTANT RELIGION ?
 Perceive ye not how a Sufferance of Evil warreth AGAINST the Religion of this Land, while that Army warreth FOR IT in a strange Land ?
 Find ye out any Wisdom, in shutting your Eyes against such EVIL and writing to the People concerning RELIGION ?
 See ye any Religion, in supporting CHRISTIANITY by the SWORD and laying aside that LAW which supported IT ?
 Think ye that such Things are pleasing to HIM who trieth the HEART, and findeth out the SECRET WAYS of MEN ?

XXI.

Know ye not, O People, that the TIES OF BLOOD AND KINDRED are the BANDS of HUMAN HAPPINESS ?
 Perceive ye not how those Ties lead CHILDREN to cherish in OLD AGE, the PARENTS who cherished them in INFANCY ?
 Behold ye not how those Ties dispose the Hearts of BROTHERS AND SISTERS to comfort and support each other ?
 See ye not how those Ties incline the STRONGER Branches of Families to HELP the WEAKER ones, and thereby preserve the WHOLE ?
 Think ye not then, that those MEN and WOMEN must be wretched who are cut off from the Ties of BLOOD and KINDRED ?

XXII.

Know ye not, O learned Men, that a Law of Elizabeth compelleth the unnaturally hard-hearted TO HELP THEIR KINDRED ?
 Perceive ye not TRUE WISDOM in thus supporting those Ties of NATURE which support the Happiness of MAN ?
 Behold ye not how the Fatherless and Motherless wander about, and are driven by Adversity, as CHAFF before the WIND ?
 See ye not how Nations united by Blood and Kindred do resist Adversity, even as a MIGHTY FOREST resisteth the STORM ?
 Think ye not then, that DESTROYING the Ties of Blood and Kindred, WILL DESTROY the Strength and Happiness of this NATION ?

XXIII.

Know ye not, O People, that it is written, The LORD OF HOSTS hath purposed, and who shall disannul it ?
 Do ye not perceive by the Things here spoken of, that the LAWS engraven on your ALTARS, are The Purpose of The LORD ?
 Do ye not behold that Prosperity cometh from Obedience to those LAWS, and Wretchedness from a Contempt of THEM ?
 Is not this a double Proof, that those LAWS are intended to guide your HEARTS, even as the SUN directeth your FOOTSTEPS ?
 Will ye then perversely turn from that LIGHT which leadeth to HAPPINESS, and wander blind-fold in the Vale of Misery ?

XXIV. Know

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Know ye not, O People, that it is written, *The Testimony of the LORD is SURE, making WISE the SIMPLE?*
 Perceive ye not that *The Testimony of The LORD is SURE*, when ye see *Peace and Happiness* dwelling with Those who regard it?
 Will ye not believe that *The Testimony of the LORD maketh WISE the SIMPLE*, when ye see them reaping the *Fruits of WISDOM?*
 Will ye not confess that the *Wise* become *simple*, when they set up *their Imaginations*, against *The Testimony of JEHOVAH?*
 Do ye not see that they are as Men smitten with Blindness, vainly groping after *Happiness*, ever stumbling upon *Misery?*

Remember, O Statefmen, that it is written,
There is no Wisdom, nor Understanding, nor Counsel against The LORD:

Meditate, O Men of Learning, upon that eternal Truth,
 GOD never made HIS WORK for MAN to mend:

Treasure up in your Hearts, O People,
Those Laws which OMNIPOTENCE framed for the Happiness of MAN:

Keep in Mind, O BRITONS,
The wise Instruction and good Deeds of your Fore-Fathers;
 So may your Childrens Children be
 FREE and HAPPY,
 And your NATION continue in PROSPERITY.

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