

Isaac THE *Dinner*
DAWN OF DAY,

INTRODUCTORY TO

THE RISING SUN,

WHOSE RAYS SHALL GILD THE CLOUDS;

AND OPEN

TO A BENIGHTED WORLD

THE GLOWING EFFULGENCE OF THAT
DOMINION,

THAT IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE

PEOPLE OF THE SAINTS OF THE

MOST HIGH.



IN NINE LETTERS.



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LETTER I.

TO HIS MAJESTY GEORGE THE THIRD, KING
OF GREAT BRITAIN, &c.

May it please your Majesty,

THE present desolations amongst the nations excite interesting reflections in every considerate mind: and it is not irrational to conclude that, there must be moments of tender affection in the bosom of your Majesty; seeing the present conflagration is continued by the stream of your Majesty's own breath.

THE political call for your Majesty's interference in the convulsions of a neighboring nation, arose from opportunity presenting for a favorable scramble upon the desolations, which the earthquake of the Almighty was producing upon that nation; and through the fall of this *tenth part of the city*, upon the total jurisdiction of the anti-christian household. Lewis the sixteenth, the *Sun of that system*, was darkened, and *the Moon* his wife, and nation turned to blood in obedience to ancient prediction. This event was an entering wedge to the total downfall of the empire of the Papal apostacy. The waters of the Mystical Euphrates had brought to Babylon the treasures of the nations for the appointed time. The moment for the diverting of these waters, and for the sacking of the city was come. Your Majesty hath opposed his total power, in the treasure and blood of his people, to the great decree. You have augmented and continue to augment the desolations appointed. The wounded serpent trusts, through you, to regain

its former life. Others through policy, invite the re-animation of this gasping power, that they may again have fellowship in the accursed thing. The total demolition of the Papal power is *in the divine design*: nor shall the affection of her former lovers be able to comfort her. You have greatly tried the consciences of many of your loyal subjects. They have been incapable to reconcile the spirit of the many well directed prayers of former days, for the Papal desolation; with the prayers now required for the success of your Majesty's endeavors to establish that power long since ordained to be cast down.—The Bishops around your Majesty, if you lend them an ear, are well capable and may be disposed to illustrate and to give sanction to this doctrine. The church of Scotland will readily yield an assenting voice.

As the machine hath operated, you have, for some years, stood a battering ram against the Almighty. You have in words avowed a design to restore the *antient order of things*. The religion of Jesus, and the whole strength of gospel resources, in your commission, have been put in requisition to further this avowed enterprize. If the ground taken, be the real ground on which you wage war, the sooner it be abandoned the better. You want pay for these vast expences.—The Most High pays indeed his enemies, but not in gold and silver, nor in cities nor kingdoms. Of consequence, for the vast expences incurred you have nothing to shew. What great advantage hath arisen from the battering of your own, and the enemy's fleet off the Nile?—What increase of revenue or of power have you derived from the armies and fleets of the North? They have expended your money, and eat up your bread, and have left but their ossal behind. What cities do you possess in the Mediterranean to indemnify the expences incurred there? What provinces do you possess in France to balance the accompt of fuel sent over to heat the furnace of affliction seven times hotter in behalf of your deluded friends?—Of what avail are the crippled ships you have encountered, or the vessels for which you have paid?—They but swell the agregate of expence, and but add a new layer to the front of the battering ram. Of what avail the found of cannon from the tower, seeing the fruit of the victories announced, have not sufficed to pay for the powder burned!—Balance now the accompt of war; sell all your conquests, and they will not defray the demands of a single month's national expence. This if true is a serious thing. Let the accurate calculator make up the estimate of profit and loss. Let the

folio of your national ledger be produced on which are written the substantial credits of the present war. Have not domestic loans supplied your own wants, not to say those of every body else?—It is thus that iniquity preys upon those it serves. Neither doth it suffer a cure though the bell of religious zeal be jingled over the budget. Alas! for the zealots of the reformation—Alas! for the name of Protestant when the total blessings obtained, are squandered by an apostate progeny upon the divorced mother. Such zeal will never avail though it be urged by a battering ram.

But the candid will forgive you this iniquity. They know that the cry of religion was but to add a fresh embellishment to the banners of war. Pride and power formed the flag staff, and as many palatable features have been displayed upon the ensign, as the very fertile genius, of a very able minister could invent. Such a comely display, waved over the purses and consciences of the nation hath mightily augmented governmental resources. The operation hath been splendid; but the effect burthenfome and deceptive.

Your eye is upon Brest, and upon the fleet, in its waters. The preparations are weighty; but this stroke at Continental possessions, may prove as unproductive as former examples. At any rate, objects attained and kept, at higher expence than the solid product, are of no more worth to Kings than to other men. —

Suffer, then, the Continental powers to be at rest. They would long e'er now, have attained this object, had not hirelings of foreign soil beat the alarm through their camp.—Others, like yourself interfering, uncalled in the vesuvius of the French revolution, have found the cinders of her lava, hard of digestion. Her gravel stones have tested both the Austrian and Russian stomach. Her burning waves have set on fire the hedges of the coalition, and melted down the strength of British gold. Rake no more fire upon the heads of your own subjects, nor upon your purchased allies. Let the avenging decree subside. Why should you longer oppose feeble man to the thunder bolts of Heaven. Why justify your warfare, by appeal to the disorderly operations of the foe?—As well may the philosopher attempt to arrest the shootings of lightening by complaints against its irregular path. You form, by your machinations, the electric fluid, and the fire follows close upon the combustibles you prepare. Think not

but the same effects will continue to spring from similar causes. Enkindle sedition by your gold, and instruments of death will adjust the balance. Wage further war, and the Assyrian rod will continue its strokes.

Your Majesty pants for a total jurisdiction on the seas. You are now making the waters to boil with this design. An hard task you have set to yourself, and a very expensive one to the nation. Before you press this object too far, ask your Lords spiritual, whose power *in the sea*, God is to smite—and what *burning mountain* it is, that is to be swallowed up?—You may hold a good run with men; but when the Almighty speaks, the race is over.

Your Majesty will excuse the plainness of speech, seeing it contains but the truth; and seeing the message is presented in the name, and by the authority of the Most High God. Its design is to set before the King the truth, in relation to the place he holds in the present drama. Peace among the nations is now demanded from the presence of Almighty God. If the application of his word prove effectual, the matter is accepted; but if not, in the hands of God art thou, and thy nation, O King! —

The Man whose name is

THE BRANCH



LETTER II.

TO PIUS VII:—THE EXISTING TWIG OF THE ANTI-CHRISTIAN TREE.

Sir,

IN your call to office, and in your communication, at the moment of your election, you stand forth, in the eye of the world, as one *born out of due time*. The decree is gone forth from the archers, that the tree in whose branches you lodge; or if you please, of which you now form the trunk, should be hewed down. The fowls of heaven are driven from its branches, and the beasts of the field from its shade. The period for the extirpation of the power that hath so long clothed the *witnesses in sackcloth*, and trampled them under foot, is come. Facts are stubborn things. Though the Papal household hath long prided herself in her power, whilst she rode upon the shoulders of *the Kings of the earth*, and in the confidence of their favor, said, *I sit a Queen and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow*; you perceive that the moment of your descending from these artificial and antichristian heights is come. Those on whom you have reclined have withdrawn their arm; or God hath, thus far, smitten their proppings from under you. A consumption from the Lord hath seized upon you; and a death blow awaits you. The leading horses of the Redeemer's princely reign have trampled you down; their horsemen have fed upon your flesh; and their total fire hath drank up the river of your Babylonish Euphrates. Well may your address, in the presence of the conclave, pour forth lamentation at the condition of "St. Peter's barque."—Indeed the waters are dried up: and you feel incapable to launch, again, the boat. No understanding mind will have cause to lament, though *this barque* should never again be seen on float. Under a fraudulent pass, and deceptive flag it hath been, for many centuries round, with too much success, upon the face of the mystical waters. It hath received the gifts and offerings of the needy and credulous, in return for the merchandize of ignorance and of presumption. The locusts of your communion have fattened on the spoils of the poor. They have by

their seductions, hypocrisies and fallacious pretensions bound heavy burthens on men's shoulders. They have taught men to hate each other: to view other nations and other sections of the Christian family as hereticks and apostates, fit only for present extermination and future burning. You have set up your work shops, to help out the potency of the common salvation. Lest any should discover by what art this new edition of salvation was carried on, or by what means the waters of its streams were increased, ye have written *mystery! mystery!* upon all your cells. Ye have sold vanity for a price. The fair is now, **thus** far, over; and no man purchaseth again your merchandize.

In this progressive desolation, you perceive the ground of exultation, on the part of the redeemed from the fangs of your apostate jurisdiction. *Rejoice over her thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets, for God hath avenged you on her.*

Like a mill-stone, suffer your Babylon to be cast into the sea, never to rise any more. From official duty, and parochial care you can justly excuse yourself. The place you hold was given you by accident, not of design. You are of momentary and of accidental existence. The more learned, aged and as you say pious members of the fraternity, were very sensible of their entire supremacy ~~in comparison~~ with you, and therefore of one mind, *threw their votes away*, upon one whom you stile *a sinner*. "What resolution have you then taken?" say you "there was amongst you wise men to whom you could have confided the church in these tempestuous times; why then have you confided it to a man without experience? You had amongst you the most pious men? Why have you made choice of *a sinner*?"

The fact is, no one expected this choice, and no one intended, that it should have been made. It was an accidental throw. On this ground it would be but fair to relinquish the pontificate, and suffer the fraternity to cast round again.

The Sign of the Son of Man.



LETTER III.

TO BUONAPARTE, FIRST CONSUL IN THE
ADMINISTRATION OF FRANCE.

Sir,

THE sound of your deeds hath reached this western world. Men are astonished at the exploits wrought at your hand. They know not whether to admire most the readiness of the conception, or the accuracy of execution. It is well for the nation you represent, that their total desire for pacification is so happily planted in one, wholly occupied in obtaining for them the object of their wishes. The detached interests, and unwieldy functions of former administration could not like the present, bring the lightnings of the nation to a fair play.—The sword of the nation is now made potent against the anti-christian combination. The standard you bear was unfurled in these United States. The sword wielded under this banner is the sword of the Almighty. Its commission is to remove the burthens of civil and of ecclesiastical oppression from the shoulders of mankind. A new day opens upon your rear. A view of subsequent felicity to mankind shall soon repay you the price of this toil. Bear always the olive branch in the van; and be ever mindful that it is better to save life than to kill. You have faithfully licked up the pastures of the Chaldees; and like Cyrus, have laid prostrate the door posts of Babylon. You are the Lord's anointed in this preparatory work. You have made *the iron and the clay* of the anti-christian image, mightily to part asunder. Go on until ~~the~~ foolish obtain wisdom; the world shall yet know that your commission is from on high. Make no agreement with the rubbish you trample under foot. They will prove but thorns in your side, and snares in the way of your feet. A brighter display of celestial light will soon illumine the dark abodes of prostrate *Sodom and Egypt*. It was time that the

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caverns of *Papal superstition* should be assailed; and the captives set free. You want additional light; food for the enquiring mind; and substance to repay, in place of the shadows you have chased away.—This light, like a cloud of glory, will soon follow upon desolation's track. It will spread its benign influences throughout the nation. It will extend its wings and advance like the dawn of day, until resplendent felicity come. It will prove the *golden age* of the poet's song; the *year of jubilee* to the dispersion of Israel; and a *wide dominion* to the people of the saints of the Most High.

Let the mystical superstition of anti-christian rites fade away; and look for a pure dispensation of righteousness, that shall bring *peace on earth and good will to men*.

Treat with kindness the *sons of Abraham*. They are soon to be gathered in; their father was *the friend of God*.

*The JOSHUA of the American
Temple—emerging from the
ashes of WASHINGTON.*



LETTER IV.

TO THE FRENCH NATION.

Citizens and Friends,

TO your lot it hath fallen to behold the wonders of God. You have seen the late King borne away by the mighty deluge. His glory hath passed away as a cloud. In his presence I have stood; and in the apartments and gardens of his palace at Versailles I have walked. He fell in the appointments of Heaven, as the primary prop of that anti-christian throne; of that mighty city of Papal domination which reigned over so many cities and nations of the earth.—The foundation of this city was laid in an apostacy from the genuine spirit of the apostolic doctrine and ministration. On this foundation the Papal builders had erected a fabric of cunningly devised fables, and of wicked inventions. The mass of their service formed a body of observances, not known in the scriptures; and not acknowledged by Almighty God. The total amount was made subservient to their own emolument; and to the purposes of kingly prerogative. It was, in an high degree, matter of merchandize. It favored its ministers; but yielded no benefit to its votaries. Stopping the progress of investigation, at the door of their own power; they kept back the heart from its ascent to God. Seizing on the reigns of spiritual jurisdiction, they invaded the sanctuary of the Most High. They helped on the general degradation of man, and sold his salvation at their own price. The “Kings of the Earth” winked at this spiritual tyranny, that they might the better maintain their own despotism. The kingly and priestly administration exchanged kind offices. On the one hand the mitre maintained the crown; and the crown defended the mitre. The decree of Heaven hath long since gone forth for the dissolution of this anti-christian connection. Louis the sixteenth faded before the breath of the divine indignation; and his clergy soon followed after.

The pure gospel of Jesus Christ, you are still to retain. He was a messenger of peace, and of good will to men. He calls us to the knowledge and love of God our maker, and promises salvation, through the power of his own blood. He calls for no superstitious rites, and admits of no worship by images. The revolution hath been awful, in sweeping the temples of God of idols' idols, and of false altars. To love God; to believe in the efficacy of the redeemer's power, and to submit to his beneficent laws, is more than all burnt offerings and sacrifice.

You will soon be called to view the truth, stripped of false and deceptive colorings: and to enjoy the benign influences of the redeemer's reign upon the earth. He hath wounded the nations in judgment, and he is soon coming to heal them in mercy. He hath travelled in the greatness of his strength, speaking in his righteous judgments; and he will now prove himself mighty to save. You have drank deep of the bitter cup; and he hath prepared for you a cup flowing with blessings. It is his power and grace, that will soon lead you deliverance and purification. You are a sister to our republic; and we shall be united in a greater salvation. The American people still love your nation. We have been affrighted at the terrors of your revolution; but we have not forgotten that **you** helped us in our affliction. We are but young in government and in strength; have not had much to bestow; but have rejoiced to see you equal to all your foes. Almighty God hath given you to prosper against those that rose up against you; and it becometh you to be thankful to his holy name. You will seem to be looters in felicity thus far; but the mighty good is yet to come.

Maintain your courage and your activity: the Lord of Hosts hath found a man to plead for you your national cause; and will continue his benediction. From this Country you received the dawn of national liberty: from us you shall learn to be free in God. Over the mighty desolations which have been wrought the PRINCE OF PEACE will soon extend his banner. Let your eye be turned toward the west: from this quarter ye shall receive the *olive branch*.

The Builder of the Temple of the Lord.



LETTER V.

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TO THE PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Friends and Brethren,

YE are *bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh*. Our nation sprang from yours: we are a *branch* from your tree. The dissolving of our political relation caused the blood to flow from the body and from the member. Had there not been some special design in the councils of Heaven to be answered by this dismemberment, it seems the connexion might have been continued to mutual advantage. Clouds surrounded the Throne of the great Omnipotent, and ye were not able to unfold the mystery. So deeply penetrated with the impropriety of our resistance was a pious divine of the City of London (probably now in his grave) during the term of the conflict, that he begged to ask, with deference a candid question. “Will you inform me sir, whether the pious people of America, such as would have been accounted such twenty or forty years ago, are on the side of opposition to government?”—I was obliged to answer in the affirmative. He bowed with submission, but was incapable to solve the problem. It was an event dark to all, but it had its place in the councils of the Most High. The secret design is in a measure disclosed. These spreading colonies, extending on these western shores, were needed for an illustration of the Redeemer’s gospel dominion. The very work of our separation and deliverance was needful to illustrate, the return of the Jewish tribes from the land of their captivity, at the hand of Zerubbabel and Joshua.—The exact period of their gradual return, and of the rebuilding of their temple and polity from 535 to 515 A. C.—twenty years presents the period of our emancipation and rebuilding, from 1776 until 1796.—At this last period, the head stone of our national edifice being laid, our Washington retired from his labor. These American tribes of necessity were appointed on these western shores of the Atlantic, to display a becoming off-set to the Jewish tribes on the eastern shores of the Le-

vant. They possessed that allotment in the antient figure: we possess the present in a gospel, rather as yet, in a political substance. They cut off the Messiah at the commencement of his priestly manifestation. He hath fled to these western shores; prepared for himself these American tribes, with whom to commence his kingly reign. The people that slew him must follow, and own him here. Our political temple is a preparatory edifice, upon which the *glory of the latter house is to rest.*

This having been in the original design, none can complain that it hath been illustrated in the providential drama. Like many other events, it was trying in the moment of its existence; but when the design is known our tears are spared. We are happy to recognize all the indebtedness of blood, of friendship, of every kind office.

To the man who was found in the place of the prophetic Joshua, within the walls of this prophetic tenement, is the revelation of this design made manifest. He must be forgiven; if he hath not repelled the strength of irresistible light. To him the ground of dismemberment must not be imputed; nor the fault of being first in the light. What we do know we have right to speak; and of the things we have seen we are allowed to testify. The political edifice being finished the word of power passes into the hand of Joshua, with command that he build for God. To him it appertains to set the glory of the latter house upon the preparatory base. During four years of apprenticeship, it hath pleased the sovereignty of God to set forth John Adams, as a national fore-runner. Thou shalt call his name *Jobn* for he shall go before to prepare the way, &c. and in the word *Adams* there is a duplicate representation of the dominion of the first and of the second Adam; of an earthly and of an heavenly estate which is to follow. Future events will comment on this statement of facts. —

Accept this communication in good part. It is known that no nation more than yours is enquiring after the things of the kingdom. Ye have united in acts of social worship: ye have subscribed your substance, and shewn a perseverance in the prosecution of the august design unparalleled. You have had the good wishes of all friends to Zion; and if every project in hand hath not succeeded, perhaps, it hath been to shew that the era of your hope should break forth in a field nearer to your own door.

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It may not be uninteresting to add, that as these tribes are a *branch* of the British tree; so it hath pleased God to name the instrument of his design by the title of the man whose name is *the Branch*. It is pleasant to parents to give birth to promising children. May it be our study to do honor to the ~~country~~ country from whence we sprang: ~~afford~~ assist our attempts by the ~~stone~~ stones, on which are placed.

The Seven Eyes

LETTER VI.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Fellow Citizens,

THE present, with you, is an interesting moment. Your attention is aroused, and the eyes of many are open, watching the movements of your political ark. So convulsed is the national sea; and so vivid the tempest, that some of the mariners fear for the safety of the federal ship. There is no danger. The winds and the waves are under the controul of an invisible hand. The tempest is suffered to beat, and the swellings of the sea to toss your national ship: but it is with design to teach you the necessity of, and to prepare you for Heaven's interposing hand. The whole national agitations are to be assuaged through the power of the same rod. The period of its extension approaches. From the top of this American mountain the arm of the Lord will be extended.— The throne of your national edifice is the place, where the introductory power of the mediatorial reign will take its seat. From thence will go forth the law of peace, in behalf of him who comes, *the desire of all nations*. The dominion will first make its appearance in the form of the *Ark of the Testament*. It was this power that led Moses and Israel from the bondage of Pharaoh. It was this arm that *cut Rahab and wounded the dragon*. It was the voice of this power that directed Israel in the marches; that dwelt in the sanctuary;

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and spake by *the urim and the thummim*. The appearance of the messenger of the covenant, at the entrance of the tribes into the goodly land, presents assurance of the coming of the *Captain of the Lord's Host*, as we enter the land of promise. The *ark of the testament* is to be our guide until that august and interesting event.—The *testament* is the law, and the *ark* the chest in which it is contained; or the medium through which the law is conveyed. In the tabernacle and temple the *ark* stood, formed of gold and of the *choicest wood*. It enclosed the tables of the law—the pot of manna, and the *rod that budded*. In Jesus Christ, the *gospel ark*, God gave unto us this law in the *volume of redemption*. The son of man reached forth this rod, and became the *true bread from Heaven*. These means of salvation have been extended until now. The ark has floated upon the waters of Christendom. The seas have been tempestuous. Divers winds have blown: and adverse currents and counter tides have well nigh set *the ark of the gospel testament* on shore. In this adverse scene the aid of skilful and of unskilful mariners hath been called in.—Many are weary in rowing; and men of firmest faith are now looking for relief.—Eighteen hundred years from Christ and his apostles are about to expire. They are a gospel transcript of the same period from Jacob and the twelve Patriarchs until the Jewish dispersion, and the planting of the gospel ark upon their ruin. Lo! *the ark of the testament* again appears. It takes a new form. The Gospel Church now opens and discloses it. *And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in the temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings and voices and thunderings, and an earthquake.* By the temple of God is to be understood the place of his dominion. It is opened in the prophetic heaven, that is, the Church: and in his temple, the place of his dominion was seen the *ark of the testament*.

This discovery opens a new state of things. Its sphere of administration extends to the *unfinished labor* of Moses and of Christ. These two fallen temples are to be reared up under one united administration. This building rises from the Washingtonian base. Our departed Hero was altogether in the service of the Empire of the Prince of Peace. Almighty God at his hand laid our national and federal foundation, as the base on which the *glory of the latter house* might be seated.

To you, *Citizens of the United States*, possessing this American inheritance it appertains to bring the *ark of the testa-*

~~sent~~ to its place. This is to be done not by battle and war: not by strife and ill will: but in the power of harmonious truth. *Error* needs noise and tumult, complaint and groundless alarm. *Truth* seeks no aid from these unhallowed fires. The Celestial dove flies from the cage of unclean birds.—

Almighty God hath set before you the work. You that wish well to the American revolution: to the labors of Washington: and design stability to the work of his hands have but to put your hand to the present work, and send the Ark of God to its place. It is the Empire of the Redeemer, *in a covered Chariot*, that awaits your suffrage. The highest condescension imaginable is expressed in this act towards the sons of men. The Redeemer awaited the approving voice of his own: but his own received him not.—Again he appears in the vehicle of providence, and waits your assent, that his visible operations may commence.

To those who still walk upon the waters dissenting from the past or present state of things; it need only be said, to you opportunity is given to supply the defects of past administration, by an adoption of the means designed of God to perfect the work. You hope for relief in Mr. Jefferson. Forgive the seeming severity of a declaration from the fountain of truth; that the man who aids to bring this gentleman to the throne of this administration, serves as a pall-bearer, carrying him to his tomb. He stands not in the true tide of the divine purpose. The plummet of providence makes strait work; and the line, stretched upon the walls of this fabric, may not be broken. Mr. J. stands forth as Lord High Admiral upon our revolutionary waters. These waves are soon to cease their dashings against Jerusalem's preparatory work.—The foundation of every dispensation of the divine manifestation hath been laid in *perilous times*. It was so in the Jewish redemption, and rebuilding. It was so in the opening of the gospel æra. It hath been so in our return from captivity, and in our rebuilding thus far. So far hath the labor advanced, that the period of the descending cloud and of the consecration is well nigh come. No man may be thrust into the porch by unhallowed hands; or with unhallowed designs: It will prove presumption in the eye of God, jealous of his own honor, and zealous for the empire of his son.

The tides of opposition will meet, and create *still water*, when the *ark of the testament* is seen upon the flood.

If Mr. Adams receives again the *trembling sceptre*, he will be able to maintain but a *trembling administration*, and will soon finish his introductory regency to the empire of a more exalted dominion. —

*And the Woman brought forth
a Man-Child. —*



LETTER VII.

TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD.

Brethren and Friends,

LIKE water poured from the top of a mountain, so have we become divided: still our head is one, and our hope the same. The common salvation hath been preached through the waters of every stream. The little rivulets own the power that moves the flood. Why should streams of water from the same fountain, disown their relation? Jordan hath overflowed its banks, and there have become stagnant pools. They are insulated and detached from the living waters, and yet they would insist that Jordan's stream is only with them. Vain Croackers that would found their own salvation to the damnation of others! Better to acknowledge their own infirmity, and unite in furthering the common salvation. The waters need all to be collected, and by a common re-acting power, sent back to one common head. The New Jerusalem-day is at the door. It will remove obstructions from every channel, and form a re-acting tide. Up to the courts of salvation shall the tribes repair. Their variegated gifts shall come up with acceptance on Zion's Altar. The diversified appearances, shapes and complexions shall but diversify the main strokes; and fill up the shades of one common picture. Like the variegated plants of a finished garden so shall these plantations of

grace unite in sending up one common fragrance, an acceptable incense before the throne of the great supreme. Foundation is laid for the unloosing of the bonds of nature and of grace. The *New Heavens and the New Earth* shall open a dispensation of righteousness, as yet unrevealed to the sons of men. Prepare yourselves for an acknowledgment of one common supreme—of one common saviour—of one common Jerusalem—of one common altar—of one common Melchisedeck king of Salem, and priest of the Most High God.—The rest shall be disclosed, and the door of the Temple thrown open in its season. In the mean time let the right hand of fellowship be extended, and the Empire of the Truth be enlarged.

*And the Cup was found in the
mouth of Benjamin's Sack.*



LETTER VIII.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD OF NEW
YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

To meet at Elizabeth Town, on the Third Tuesday of October, instant. —

Christian Brethren,

A SIGHT of a notification of your meeting, at the place, and in the house in which it was once my happiness to reach forth my hand in the Redeemer's name, awakes in me sentiments of tenderest sympathy. It must be a heart of steel that can remain unmoved in the review of the things that have passed before your eye in relation to one of your members. A cruel wind, that wrent the forest; hurled a Cedar from its height, and buried it in the sea. The place of its standing is not yet healed, the parts rent are not bound up, nor the earth closed. The mountain weeps, and abiding desolation bears testimony to the severity of the stroke.

It is needless to recount the occasion of this disaster: ye know it well. Gladly did these hands minister in the rebuilding of that place of worship, seated on the ground of a former desolation, in which now ye meet. Little did I imagine that the work perfected, there was an abyss ready to swallow me up. The agitation was severe; the conflict long, and the issue, the bosom of the sea.—I am, of God's great mercy returned, and once more salute as brethren. Forgive ought that you may have judged severe in any application of written testimony. The matter was of the Lord; and the trees were shaken by his power. The growing wonders of extending grace in the opening design, seem to hide the threatened indignation of heaven. The first impressions were strong; that a total recession of the household of faith from the human arm was needful. The Lord hath taught that the nations are his; and that he will yet save as by a national arm.—There remains nothing in your connexion, that would be ground of present dissention were I again in my former place. This is never to be. Heal, therefore, the ground: soothe the complaining and agitated parts, and may the Lord henceforth prosper you in your work.

And she said this breach be upon thee;

and she called his name PHAREZ.

LETTER IX.

TO THE SEED OF ABRAHAM.

Bretbren according to the flesh,

THE moment of your restoration fast approaches. From the regions of your dispersion, look *to the west*. Your former land is in desolation; your habitations waste, and your city and temple in ruins. In this western world, the God of your fathers is preparing for you an habitation. With your wives and your children; with your silver and your gold shall ye soon stand in honor amongst the nations. The labor of Washington is the base of your building. The lines of your city are already run, and the palace of your dominion already set up. The *city of Washington*—the throne of the American administration, is your rallying point. Our nation plants its standard upon this ground, the present year. The lines of the city are drawn, and the shades only wait the strength of your pencil. The books are open and the lots assignable.—

Strangers are building up your walls. The present national convulsions are strokes in providence demanding your release. The advancing glory of the New Jerusalem, waits your presence. Behold these tribes, in Esau's dominion, inviting you into their bosom. We extend our arms to receive and escort you from the land of your exile, to the house of our common father Isaac. Advance, moderately on; the Lord of Hosts shall go before you; and the God of Jacob prove your reward. Ye need make no delay; all things are ready: and the standard of your redemption will be unfurled upon the ground, by the time ye are there. —

And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: In that day shall there be one Lord, and his name ONE.

P. S.—Any persons disposed, without delay, to purchase lots in the Federal City, and to set buildings thereon, answerable to the design, will not fail to see their accompt in the enterprise. The American government will do well to retain the portion they still hold, in the federal plot.

 ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS.

 THE CONSTITUTION.

THE Constitution of the United States is the American Eagle, hovering over her young. She broods the States by relieving them from the burthen of the war. She has assumed their debts; opened new sources of payment; and fixed the general credit. The States may now contemplate an *honorable path*, through the sea of their late revolution.— They have, in good part, paid their way, and have the balance at easy command.

The Federal Eagle extends the wings of her power in the common defence. She harmonizes the subordinate differences by giving them a common interest under her wings. This is done in relation to science and the arts—to possessions and to agriculture—to sympathy in affliction—to religion and good morals—to individual and social enjoyments—to distinction according to talents and merit—to manufacture and to trade—to courts of justice and military strength—to income and expence. Ports of entry and delivery, favorable to trade in individual States, become common property. Citizens, on the same ground and at the same market, meet on the same conditions: They pay the charges, varied only by the variation of property: the common purse receives the revenue and pays common charges. Manufacture, without restraint, is open to all. The arts meet all the countenance that their intrinsic worth is entitled to receive. Science may push her researches from pole to pole: and demands in courts of justice, are heard without discrimination.—These are strokes of fine health, on the cheeks of Liberty's progeny. —

This American Eagle feels equally tender towards the whole brood, because they are all her own. She is entitled to a common Presidency, because she is the protectress of their

common choice. She hath not urged her sceptre like a bare-faced intruder; nor hath she been seated by force of arms; nor hevered down but for the common good. She hath not been charged with partiality in the distribution of her favors; nor hath she suffered the enemy to approach but in the gloom of a common foe. If danger approached she sounded a common alarm, and extended a common wing. The young testify of her benignity by extraordinary growth. They still enjoy an independent sovereignty, in subordination to the general good. The foe may wish for a stroke at the rising offspring, but keeps aloof, whilst they are seen under a common wing. The favor of this common defence is the fruit of common danger and of common labor. The feathers of this bird are a common property: To rob her of her plumage is a trespass against the common good.



A MYSTERY IN PROVIDENCE.

THERE is a man, on whose head, through the course of four years' mysterious apprenticeship, hath been placed the crown and sceptre of all past dispensations of divine manifestation: so that, like a rope of universal extent, passing through every circle and link of the extended chain, it hath been coiled, in its fulness, upon his head: to the intent, that in the sceptre and mitre in his hand and upon his head, may be found the full extent and sublime accomplishment of those imperfect systems of administration, which have had an imperfect display from the beginning, and have faded in hope of the glory to be revealed.—This rope will be uncoiled and cast off into the waters of the Millennial Sea; so that as it goes off it may carry into that estate, the ancient hope of those who have died in expectation of the glory of that day: and thus, from the diversified streams of all ancient fountains will the waters flow, to swell the tide of this boundless sea. —

 THE SEALS LOOSED.

IT is said the Lion of the tribe of Judah prevailed to *open the book, and to loose the seals thereof.* The book to be opened was the book of mysterious representations, then passing, in a sealed form, before the eye of the prophet. He had a book given him. He eat it up, and prophesied to people, tongues, and nations. This was a figure of the duty to be performed, at the period of the loosing of the seals and of eating of the book, in a substantial form. The prophet knew not the purport of the things he saw, but like Daniel, spake of things beyond the reach of his own interpretation. The book of the revelations will soon be opened. Its seals are now in breaking. The Lion of the tribe of Judah will do this. The mysteries of God, contained in this book, when opened, will introduce the highest section of the mediatorial administration. — The commencing operations wait, but the common voice, *that the glory may rest upon its appointed base.* —

Will the people of the United States suffer one of their own number, *flesh of their flesh and bone of their bone,* to place his name to the foregoing papers? — and will they forgive him, whilst he hides his face, through a knowledge that the marrings of a severe apprenticeship, have caused a name to be forgotten, which heretofore may have been dear to many? —

DAVID AUSTIN, Jun.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

New-Haven, October 14, 1800.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Friends and Fellow Citizens,

AS it will be obvious, that the preceding papers are calculated to invite your attention and suffrage towards the object *designated by heaven*, shortly to wield the sceptre of the *mediatorial administration* from the summit of that mountain, which, through your instrumentality, Almighty God hath reared and protected, in view of the subsequent, and more manifest display of his gracious designs towards the sons of men; it is easy to perceive that *evidence of the ability of such instrument* to fulfil the duties of such appointment, might serve to secure such suffrage; and to afford demonstration of the safety of committing such trust to the hands appointed to receive it:—On such account, as truth seeks no hiding place, but only needs to be manifest to be admired, will there be need of apology for the pen that sketches out a few of the commencing traits of the approaching administration?

The Scene opens in the CAPITOL, at the FEDERAL CITY.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Mr. Speaker, and House of Representatives,

Sirs,

STANDING in this place, it is my first duty to call your attention to that acknowledgment of the divine benignity towards our nation, of which the events of this day so fully testify. In the æra of the present moment, I behold a new example of national salvation about to be published. The first impression, in our drama, was given in the relief we experienced from the weighty strokes of a foreign power: the second, in the birth and operation of the present Constitution of the United States, delivering us from the ship-wreck of the old confederation:—the third, is now to be given. The distresses of our nation were just now, little less threatening, than when the rod of oppression was upon us: and the infirmities of administration little less conspicuous, than in the or-

der of the late confederation. From these infirmities, it is now the design of Heaven to relieve us. —

We open our administration under the special sanction, and entire approbation of the Most High. He was with George Washington, now departed, the builder of this present fabric of American freedom. Almighty God placed the plummet of this labor in his hands; and was by him as he stretched the line upon our national walls: He was relieved from service, because with acceptance, he had finished his work.

To protect this edifice, amidst the revolutionary tempests with which it has been surrounded, hath cost both wisdom and firmness. Our immediate predecessor braved the tempest; and exhibited examples of stability answerable to the labor under his feet. He had in custody the treasures of the nation; and held in charge a deposit sacred to the use and honor of the great proprietor himself. The keys of the temple are now surrendered to the hands, appointed of God to receive them. The gates will soon be thrown open in the face of the nations. *On the federal base which supports the harmony of these states, shall soon be reared a palace of kingdoms.* We lift our eye to heaven for wisdom to extend this work until the master of the house himself shall call for it.

Our warmest congratulations await you, on the subject of the present transition of our national councils to this spot of ground, so highly favored in the destinies of the Almighty. May it be accompanied by a resting of that wisdom that cometh from above, upon all our deliberations.

You will probably find it in your wisdom in the course of the present session, to pay such attention to the advancing state of the affairs of this portion of national property as the dignity of the nation, the voice of providence, and your own accommodation will justify. Such intimations, on this subject, as may appear to subserve the objects stated, at present in mind, or hereafter to be manifest, I shall take the liberty of laying before you.

On the subject of our foreign relations, I shall make such communications as the state of things may require. And in this place shall make no apology for announcing an intention to re-call, as soon as expedient, all our citizens in public com-

mission and pay, from their residence at foreign courts. The known object of residents abroad is far from being honorary to the persons sent, or to the dignitaries addressed. They present an idea little less delicate than that of national spies. They stand in the field of foreign enclosures watching against a trespass. If the limits of respective territory are agreed upon; the bounds of national privilege set, and the herds feeding in quiet, why should we maintain spies upon our neighbor's ground?—It is a trespass against the bonds of confidence. It is a measure of distrust: It is the child of suspicion.—An example of confidence in the integrity of our neighbors, is the way to secure the same confidential treatment, in respect to ourselves.

The consular appointments, for the accommodation of trade, creating no expence to the public, may be continued.—The tribute, heretofore paid to the African powers, will be shortly withheld.—The tide of providence will soon revert the order of things in respect to these merciless exactions. An approaching fellowship amongst the European nations, will shortly reach forth the hand of a common friendship to these our Ishmaelitic brethren. The period of their raising their hand against members of the same family, is well nigh accomplished. A fountain will soon be opened, from which, both the posterity of Isaac and of Ishmael shall draw living waters. In relation to the French nation, and its government, there appears little else visible, but friendly and pacific impressions; and in regard to Great Britain, should her hostile spirit continue, means will be developed in providence to quench the flame of her extensive conflagration.

The late disbanding of the Army, raised in moments of greater danger than the present, will relieve the public from that portion of common expence. The united strength of America's sons, under God, will prove a barrier to every surrounding danger. Though the spirit of our country be now directed towards the pacific and prosperous objects of commerce and agriculture, our enemies, if any we have, will not forget, that sources of national defence have sprung from the furrows of the field.

The Credit of the United States, you will undoubtedly maintain. It is pleasant to see with what promptitude pecuniary calls are answered. It evinces the love of the people to the Government under which they live, and their determi-

nation, in its defence. As war-appointments cease, it will be easy to enter on measures for the gradual and honorable extinguishment of the public debt, or to reinforce the funds already occupied in this object.—

Whilst this public burthen remains, it will minister to us a memorial of the national deliverance wrought, and maintained under God, through its means.—In comparison with the nations of Europe, under the pressure of present agitations, the salvation of this country may be considered, as already greatly advanced. To open our mouths against our present prospects would be to bring a slander against the God of our deliverance. —

In relation to any diversity of opinion on the subject of national welfare, which may have existed whilst the cloud of obscurity overshadowed, and danger surrounded us; it is easy to see, that in proportion as the light of the divine manifestation breaks in, these disquietudes will be absorbed by a union in sentiment, and in affection; and by fellowship in the common good.

Notwithstanding the embarrassments, incident to a neutral State in time of war, very considerable prosperity hath accompanied mercantile enterprize: and though in some instances we have had to deplore the prostration of our national flag, whilst waving over neutral property; it may be matter of partial relief, that the property in some cases seized by acts of power, may not have been altogether our own loss.—The subjects of other powers may have borrowed our flag for purposes of their own accommodation. It is to be lamented that free ships have not altogether been considered as a security for the property they cover. Great inconveniences have accrued to the families of nations at war, from want of security in the transfer of their effects. Their great infelicity in the positions of war hath been increased by total loss in attempting to relieve themselves from existing burthens. May the God of Peace, shortly wave the banners of his pacific empire over the troubled waters, and give quietude to nations, and felicity to individuals,

Measures, in connection with this administration, will soon be taken to give pacification to the contending powers. It is indeed, the prerogative of the Most High God to do this. It is reserved, by written decree, to his hand to perform it,

This extensive blessing to the nations, will stand as an introduction to the numerous blessings which are to follow in quick succession. A rallying point for the nations, under the banners of the Almighty, will shortly be announced. The olive branch will be reached forth at our hand, *and blessed shall be the nation that blesseth us; and cursed shall be the nation, that shall curse whom the Lord hath blessed.*

Gentlemen of the Senate,

IN you is beheld the wisdom of the nation, by the constitution assigned to fill the senatorial branch of our common administration. It would be indelicate to suppose that the nation had not well discharged its duty in filling the seat you maintain.—In your concurrence in such measures as are, by the constitution ordained to receive their strength from your sanction it will be our happiness to rejoice. The coincident exertion of earthly and of heavenly wisdom will undoubtedly serve to secure the happiness of a people and of a world, over whom *the sceptre of righteousness* is soon to be extended.

Brethren of the whole Assembly,

A CLOSE attention to the concerns of the public; as ready a dispatch of the subject-matter of deliberation as convenient, and an hearty labor together for the common good will aid to shorten the session; to relieve from expence, and to expedite our own felicity by a ready return to our domestic enjoyments.

Uniting, then, in the common design, and presenting our devout supplication to Almighty God for his benediction, we leave with you such matter of consultation for the common good as may be now in hand: or as in the course of the session may be presented for your deliberation and national sanction.

IN this glass, Citizens of the United States, the pen presents you with a sketch of that commencing administration, that is offered for your approbation. The object may need no further explanation to those who already acknowledge the

right, and believe in the power of the God of Nations to advance in the discoveries of himself to the nations, in the way *that is well pleasing in his own sight*: To any, doubtful on this head, it is trusted that the growing light and advancing prosperity of this effulgent design will minister all due conviction that the thing is of the Lord.

To this sudden and unexpected breaking forth of national light, refers the faith and prediction of his Excellency Governor Trumbull in the concluding sentence of his late speech, delivered before the Houses of Assembly of the State of Connecticut, at the opening of the present session. —

Waiving the confidence of the members to the arm of the Great Omnipotent, after the example of our pious forefathers in moments of distress, he adds—“ Like them trusting and acting we may confidently hope, that like them we may be brought out of our troubles, *by a way which our wisdom had not known, and may be led in paths which our prudence had not discovered*: whence light may arise out of darkness, and crooked things be made strait.

“ JONATHAN TRUMBULL.”

“ *New-Haven, October 9, 1800.*”

When did prophetic eye more clearly discern; or prophetic language more exactly express means of deliverance not yet manifest?

After this same object, *fifteen divines* of acknowledged eminence, editors to the *Connecticut Evangelical Magazine*, are observed to be looking, whilst they say: page 123, No. 4, “ Explanations of difficult passages of scripture, narrations of remarkable providences, and especially, dissertations *on such prophecies as relate to this eventful period, and exhibit the signs of the present time, will be received as new, seasonable, and of incalculable importance*. They will be read with the avidity and pleasure with which the miser grasps his gold, or the husbandman gathers the delicious and enriching fruits of the field.”

To this interesting and fervent application the pen answers, that whatever aid the foregoing papers will yield to

solve difficult passages of scripture ; to exemplify any remarkable providence ; or to afford a key to the eventful period of the present day, the editors are welcome to use, and may be encouraged to push their researches, whilst they are assured that there is a lamp already burning upon the earth, under whose rays *difficult passages of scripture* being placed, the obscurity, in a moment, departs. Of the truth of this they may have evidence as soon as their collected powers shall have selected and made known the passages over which the greatest difficulties hang.

LET us hear the conclusion of the whole matter.—Ye *People of the Saints of the Most High*, how do you expect to possess the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdom from under the whole heaven unless ye take it?—Ye builders of the temple, now in the possession of the base ; how do ye expect the residence of the glory except ye invite it down?—Ye federalists, how do ye expect the tottering pillars to become stable, but by the interposition of heaven?—And ye men that walk upon the waters, striking for the prize, when do ye expect a more promising fish in your net, than the one already enclosed?—Heave then!—heave altogether!—heave to the land!—The man shall have a change of raiment : shall stand up and speak to you in the name of the Lord, and shall declare the wonders of God in the deep.

 TO FIFTEEN DIVINES,

Editors of the Connecticut Evangelical Magazine.

Gentlemen,

YOU are endeavoring, according to the knowledge ye have, to further the intents of our common Immanuel. Casting my eye, the other day, on the work at the Printing Office at Hartford, it pleased God to comfort my mind, in the view of this work as the continuation of the attempt at a general union of the Household of Faith in the work of the American Preacher—the concert for prayer and in the United States Christian Magazine. These works, in embryo, had their existence at Elizabeth Town. They sprouted under the administration of the first temple. Ye have them *in their continuation*. The gates of general salvation are about to open. Ye have the truth in a more consolidated form. Go on, ye shall not fail of encreasing strength, and your power shall extend as the empire of the truth prospers.—A method of general and of universal fellowship among the saints of God will shortly be revealed. Happy shall we be when we see nations coming to the light of the truth, and Kings to the brightness of her rising.

DAVID AUSTIN, JUN.

New-Haven, October 20, 1800.

 ERRATA.

 Page 17, line 15, for *prudence* read *providence*.

 — 20, — 3, for *sealed* read *seated*.

 — 20, — 8, after the word *salute* read *you*.

Amos B. Mill