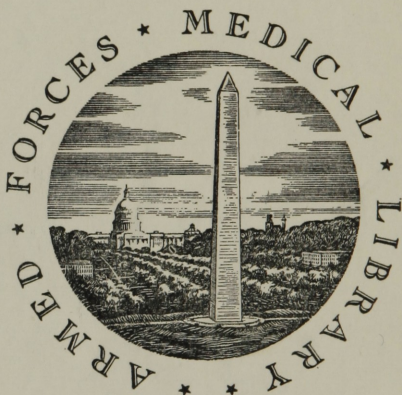


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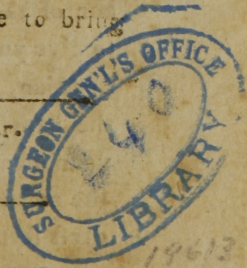
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In which event was laid the CORNER STONE of
the NATIONAL TEMPLE, under whose auspices
all worshippers of GOD are allowed full
indulgence : and from which springs the
TEMPLE of the LIVING GOD, into whose
bosom the Nations of the Earth are to bring
their glory and their honor.

By DAVID AUSTIN, Junr.
Citizen of the World.

EAST-WINDSOR :
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*To the Young Gentlemen, Members of the Concilio
Society, of East-Windsor, at whose request the
ensuing Discourse is committed to paper.*

S I R S,

A COMPLIANCE with your request, that a Discourse might be delivered to you on the 4th July, being followed by the pressing sollicitation of your committee, that the same might be given them for publication, I cheerfully enter upon the task of preparing for you a copy of that discourse which otherwise might have died as it fell from the lip. If any thing now presented you, shall tend to brighten the prospects of your Society, by giving keenness to the edge of your rational enquiries after truth, by lighting the lamp of hope, that the field of enquiry now opening to your view, shall well repay the labor of the pursuit; and if it may please God to give you an heart to improve the harvests of instruction, you may gather to his own glory, to the benefit of society, and to the salvation of your own souls; the reward will be equal to the expectation which the warmth of your address seems to promise, and which our united prayers may be well employed to secure.



T H E
MILLENNIAL DOOR, &c.

Daniel VII. 26th 27th.

But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole Heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

THE sublimity of this language, clothing an unalterable decree, at once, awful in its aspect towards the nations in rebellion against God, and most animating to those who bow to the sceptre of his majestic sway, is well calculated to excite in us humble and adoring thoughts of God, proportionate to the solemn and awful subject on which, in this place, he condescends to speak.

THE language falls from the lips of an angel.

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whilst he unfolds to the prophet the mystery of the four kingly powers which, in succession were to arise upon the earth, and of the other kingdom which should arise after them, that should be diverse from the first and who should subdue three Kings. *And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand, until a time, and times, & the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it unto the end.*

UNTIL of late, there has been but one opinion amongst protestant divines, as to the application of this descriptive branch of this very interesting prophecy. They have all united in applying it to the papal power. They have said it pointed, with precision, at the Bishop of Rome: That his standing is to be seen in several prophetic features in the field to which this passage belongs, and that the same is firmly supported by other correspondent predictions, and prophetic aspects to be found in other parts of this book of Daniel, and in the writings of St. Paul and of St. John.

OF late, however, Divines seem less united in the application of these prophecies to the Bishop of Rome than they, heretofore, had been accus-

seemed to be. Several reasons can be given for this change of sentiment. *First*, sympathy in the sufferings of humanity, in the excision of the papal clergy by the national rod: *Secondly* fear, lest the same fate may approach the border of the protestant household, so far as we may have exposed ourselves to the jealousy and fury of the lawful husband, by committing fornication with the "kings of the earth:" and *lastly*, the mistake may have arisen from the very sudden, unexpected and violent means by which it is pleasing God to execute the exterminating decree upon the papal household. These things considered, there is little ground of surprize, that many protestant divines should have warped from the ancient, acknowledged and just interpretations of this prophecy, and have labored to accommodate the prophecies more to the circumstances of their own safety, than what the ancient interpretation, in the light of Heaven's, present awful exposition, seemed to warrant them to do. But of what avail will the windings and twistings of mutilated and imperfect parts of prophetic testimony be to those, whom the indignation of Heaven, by its all penetrating eye, is searching out!—Why hath not the falsity of papal interpretation screened the papal power? Why hath she not been able to parry the application of prophetic character from herself, by placing them to the account of Rome

weathen, which hath gone down before her :—
 Why hath she not been able to keep stedfast her
 Dominion, and to preserve stedfast the section
 of the *iron and of the clay*, by declaring that
 the section of the image against which the stone
 was to impinge was the section of the Roman
 Empire, already carried away?—The answer is,
 the last section is formed of *iron and of clay*; of
 kingly and of priestly power combined: filled,
 by themselves the *holy* Roman Empire, deriving
 its sanctity from the impious infusion of the wa-
 ters of the mystical whore into the cup of king-
 ly administration. The iron being gone; the
 iron and the clay combine, and form the ten toes
 of the Babylonish structure. Against this last
 section, the stone is now striking. By its power
 the image is shook, and seems likely, soon, to fall
 to the ground: As the downfall of mystical
 Babylon is reputed to be the counterpart to the
 introduction and prosperity of the kingdom of
 God, according to the spirit and hope of the
 latter day glory, it is of very interesting mo-
 ment, to settle our minds on this important
 question; that our faith, and hope, and practice,
 may follow those leadings of mind, which truth,
 and not error shall dictate to the honest en-
 quirer.

LET it then be the business of the present discourse, to shew,

I. WHOSE dominion it is, that is to be taken away, to be consumed, and to be destroyed unto the end.

II. By what means, this power shall be removed: and

III. WHAT are the happy consequences, immediately to follow.

And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole Heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

I. THE subject enquires, whose dominion it is that is to be taken away, to be consumed, and to be destroyed until the end.

LET a fair interpretation of the vision of Daniel, contained in this chapter and expounded upon by the Angel, afford to us an answer to this enquiry.

IN the visions of GOD, Daniel saw, and behold from the sea, a tempestuous estate, four great beasts came up, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion and had eagles wings. This

undoubtedly presents an image of the Babylonish empire extending its sceptre, like the wings of an eagle, over one hundred and twenty seven provinces. The wings were plucked. The reins of government were taken from the hands of Nebuchadnezer. He was driven from men until seven times passed over him.— He was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon his feet as a man, and a man's heart was given unto him. Like a man, changed from the character he once wore whilst in a state of estrangement from GOD, he exemplifies his conversion in the public confession he makes. *And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezer lifted up mine eyes unto Heaven and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation. And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: And he doth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay his hand or say unto him what dost thou?*

The head of gold, the crown of the Babylonish empire, was removed in the excision of Belsheszer according to the interpretations of the writing by Daniel.— *GOD hath*

numbered thy kingdom and finished it: thou art weighed in the ballances and art found wanting: thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians. In that night was Belsazer, the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom.

THE Medes and Persians; the kings of the east, forming the two arms and the breast of Nebuchadnezar's Image succeeded to the order and kingdom of the head of gold. *And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side; and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it, and they said thus unto it arise, devour much flesh!*

THIS kingdom is likened unto a bear because of the voraciousness of the animal; its embracing its prey as the Medes and Persians encompassed Babylon—it rose *on one side* of the Assyrian Empire, or from a state of connection with it;—it had *three ribs between its teeth*, denoting three eminent warriors in the Mede and Persian armies; three presidents to whom the government was committed; or to three kingdoms which including itself, it held in its succession, as it were *between its teeth*: and the command to *devour*, presents the rapacity of its dominion and succession.

After this I looked, and lo, another: like a Leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl, the beast had also four heads, and dominion was given to it.

THIS language paints to us the person, rapid strides and support of the Grecian warrior, Alexander the Great. Like a leopard, spotted, sleek, and rapid in its movements, so was Alexander. The four wings upon the back doubly express the rapidity of his movements: the four pillars of his armies, on which he rested, are also represented by the four heads which this beast is said to carry: and to whom the dominion was eventually left.

After this I saw in the night visions and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth, it devoured and break in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it and it had ten horns.

THIS power is undoubtedly the power of Heathen Rome. It had the dominion in the days of the crucifixion of our LORD. At the hands of this power the LORD of life was put to death; moved thereto by the implacable enmity of the Jewish Rulers. Over the whole world this dreadful and terrible beast maintained its

Dominion, until incorporating something of the
 Christian doctrine and administrations in its Im-
 perial texture ; it was overturned by the Goths
 and Vandals, between the fifth and sixth centu-
 ry of the Christian era. It had ten horns, de-
 noting ten kings, who in succession sat upon the
 imperial throne ; or ten kingdoms over whom
 its sceptre primarily extended. These horns
 were broken ; these kingdoms were overturned ;
 and the convulsive heavings of the political
 seas gave birth to an Empire ; known in this
 prophecy under the stile and title of a *little horn*
 which *had eyes like a man*, and before whom
three of the first horns were plucked up by the
roots ; and a mouth speaking great things.

THE properties of the *little horn* are, by all,
 imputable to the papal power. His empire, at
 first, was very small. He brought the province
 and city of Rome under his pontifical jurisdic-
 tion. He next was helped to tear up the empire
 of Lombardy and of Ravenna by the roots, and
 thus subdued *three horns* of the ten from among
 which he sprang up. In the possession of the
 total jurisdiction of these three kingdoms or pro-
 vinces : in connection with an assumed, acknow-
 ledged, yet disputed ecclesiastical jurisdiction over
 the other seven ; this papal power hath, in an
 higher or less degree, been enabled to maintain

its jurisdiction until the day in which we have seen its body given, thus far, *to the burning flame.*

Not all the pontifical airs assumed; nor the universal jurisdiction claimed; nor the thunders of its power sent abroad; nor the great words it spake have availed to hinder that its foundation should not be shaken—its authority had in contempt, and its thunders trampled under foot. *I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake, I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.*

THIS exploit we now live to see performed. The convulsive scenes of European conflict are loosening the stones of this papal fabric; and more and more sapping the foundation of this antichristian structure.

THE ten kings are losing their dominion. The subjects of these papal branches are uniting in the common enmity, and with common consent, seem willing that this antichristian power should be consumed by the breath of that irresistible flame in which GOD is breathing forth his indignation upon it; waiting for the fatal and deadly blow this power is to receive at the *brightness of his coming.*

THE place will not admit of so much as a glance at the many and variegated, and repeated prophetic characters in which this papal power, that is now falling, is spoken of, and represented as to fall in these days. Few can be ignorant that the Old Testament and the New, are full of declarations to this point. The sins of this mystical Babylon are recounted. Her persecutions and bloodshed, her wearying of the saints of the Most High, and the universal merchandise of her ungodly traffic; and the circulation of the filthiness of her Babylonish cup, throughout all the regions of the mystical family, are represented as abominations which call aloud for the perdition to be poured forth, to which she is appointed in GOD's great decree. *Rejoice over her thou Heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets, for GOD hath avenged you of her. And a mighty Angel took up a stone like a great mill stone, and cast it into the sea, saying, thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers and musicians, and of pipers and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee, and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be shall be found any more in thee, and the sound of a mill stone shall be heard no more at all in thee. And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee, and the voice of the*

bride groom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee : for thy merchants were the great men of the earth : for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. Perfectly, in concord with these declarations the text declares : But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

THE subject leads our thoughts

II. To enquire by what means this apostate, papal, antichristian power is to be removed ?

FOR information on the subject we must make our appeal to the word of GOD ; and to the events of providence which are now passing before us. In doing this we not only justify ourselves as following the best sources of instruction we can be favored with, but avoid the weight of the curse which lies at the door of those who consider not the work of the LORD, nor regard the operations of his hands.

THE information to be obtained from the oracles of GOD is general ; reserving the fuller manifestation to the day in which the mighty feat of antichristian desolation shall be wrought. In fact, some part of every prediction is kept in the dark ! It was never the design of Heaven that its predictions should be

fully understood until they were accomplished.— Men might combine to defeat them, and thus wage an unnecessary war with God. Men are left to the freedom of their own will, and unconstrained, seem left to fulfill the will of God by the thoughts they entertain, by the words they speak, and by the actions they perform.

When the event predicted is performed then we behold with admiration the perfect coincidence of the event with the prediction it was ordained to fulfil.

In the interpretation of Daniel respecting the Babylonish image, pointing to the section representing the papal power, in the feet and toes which were part of iron and part of clay; thou sawest said he till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and of clay and break them to pieces: then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold broken to pieces together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floor: and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them, and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

And, whereas, thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the

seed of men to a union being formed between the sons of GOD and the sons of men : but they shall not cleave one to another, no particular attachments, more than ministers to private accomodation between the things of GOD and of men ; even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it break in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great GOD hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter, and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof is sure.

AND in the text, the declaration is : *But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.—* In Thes. II. 2nd—it is written respecting the man of sin, the son of perdition ; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called GOD, or that is worshipped ; so that he as GOD sitteth in the temple of GOD, shewing himself that he is GOD ; and then shall that wicked be revealed ; whom the LORD shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.

THE antichristian power, falling in the character of mystical Babylon, affords constant ground of exultation, on the part of those who have

been made to feel the weight of her rod. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double, according to her works, in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.

MANY exultations, are recorded, as springing out of the event of the downfall of mystical Babylon of which there is not now time fully to speak.

SUFFER me, in this place, to read in your hearing a brief sketch of the sentiments of the learned of the day, on this subject. It is taken from the body of a discourse preached by Doct. Livingston, before the members of the New-York missionary society, conven'd on the 23d. of April in that City. The pamphlet I hold in my hand page 45.

“ THE dispensations of providence, in connection with the sure word of prophecy, justly raise our expectations, and may be considered as unequivocal tokens of signal success.—
 “ What ever may be the period from which the rise of antichrist is to be dated, it is evident his usurpations and tyranny are drawing to a close. That wicked power which has so long resisted the progress of the gospel, but which for some time has been gradually consuming, will soon be destroyed by the bright.

" nefs of the Redeemer's coming. The last strug-
 " gles of the monster may be violent, and his
 " expiring agonies protracted, but he is cer-
 " tainly dying. The western and eastern an-
 " tichrist, which with their combined influence,
 " are perhaps considered in scripture as one, arose
 " nearly at the same time and will fall to-
 " gether."

" THE vials of wrath, now pouring upon
 " those nations which gave their aid and sup-
 " port to the man of sin : the desolations of
 " war, the revolutions, terrors, and convulsions,
 " unrecorded before in history, announce the
 " approach of some period *new and interesting.*
 " The REDEEMER is shaking the nations, and
 " his people hope, it is to prepare the way for
 " his coming. We presume not, with confi-
 " dence, to ascertain " the times or the
 " seasons which the father hath put in his
 " own power" but as we know that when the
 " fig-tree putteth forth leaves the summer is
 " nigh : so when we see all these things, *we*
 " know that the coming of the son of man is near,
 " even at the door."

" TAKE, my brethren, a deliberate view of
 " all these events. Collect them in a point,
 " and feel the encouragement which they are
 " calculated to inspire. Whatever may be the

immediate consequence of your efforts, it will
 be accepted of the LORD, that it was in
 your hearts to build him an house. Whatever
 may be the issue of the individual or joint ex-
 ertions in this good work ; it will not be long
 before the morning will break, and with its ri-
 sing lustre dispel the shades of night. Another
 season of refreshing is at hand. Another
 Pentecost will awaken the churches and amaze
 the world. The cruel conflict which must
 terminate in killing the witnesses, can afford the
 adversary but a short triumph. *The spirit of*
life from GOD will again enter into them : or-
 der will speedily arise out of confusion : light
 succeed to darkness, and the REDEEMER take
 to himself his great power and reign. His
 breath will shake the slain multitudes, and na-
 tions be born in a day. The Jews are ready to
 hail their own Messiah, and all the ends of the
 earth, will see the salvation of GOD."

HEAR the decree which ensures the final
 success of the Gospel, and the glory of the
 REDEEMER : He must reign until he hath put
 all enemies under his feet ; then cometh the
 end, when he shall have delivered up the king-
 dom to GOD, even the father : *that GOD may*
be all in all."

SUFFICE it, that the predictions of GOD are sure and certain, and so powerfully operative as to ascertain the event announced. The event we now behold, of consequence are better capable to designate the means by which this overthrow seems likely to be accomplished than to be totally dependant on the prophetic description.

ON the subject of our own experience, on the evidence arising from matters of fact, something may be, with safety said.

Is it not evident, that the *political stone* which is now giving the deadly shock to the last section of the Babylonish Image, took its origin in these western climes? was it not cut out without hands from the Mountain of GOD's universal providence in these United States? was it not the weighty stone which we all helped to lift, during the introduction and progress of that political revolution through which we have just now passed? did it not get its birth, at the moment whilst the alarm of British usurpation, and threatened devastation was sounded in our ears? How like electric fire did the animating principle of liberty, and determined opposition pervade the abodes of our colonial realms? how, in rapture, did Columbia's sons start from their fires, seize their arms, and march to the tune of Victory or Death! Boston harbor received the tea, rea-

dered poisonous, thro' the potion infused, by North's insidious hand. The Gaspee schooner was in flames; the king's authority was defied; and with arms in hand an appeal was made to Heaven for the justice of our cause. Twenty years expired, and these United States found themselves independent. Their standards were planted, where just now the proud insignia of the enemy braved the winds; threatening never to leave our coasts until the keys of our graineries and of our commerce were laid at their feet! Delusive hope!—impotent wish! despotic thirst, for gold and for power, which the arm of proud despotism itself could not secure!

AT this moment the stone cut out without hands, may be said to have ripened into form. But previous to the twenty years of American growth, like the winds of Eolus, impatient to be gone, it stretches its way across the Atlantic. As a cloud of political glory it accompanies Washington's son. Against the throne of Papal despotism it lets off its fire. At the door of the first born of Babylon's sons it gently knocks; but that the decree of Heaven may be fulfilled, an iron rod demolishes the incrustation, strikes down the door posts, and lays this branch of the mystical family level with the dust. Provoked at this

event, like Balak and Balaam of old, the despots of Europe, the civil and ecclesiastical luminaries of the Papal firmament seek to find enchantments against GOD's irresistible decree. None can be found. The stone braves all opposition and advances and strikes with redoubled strength the feet of the mighty image: It trembles, it reels to and fro, and threatens to fall.

In this appeal to facts, an answer is found, as to the means by which this Papal power is to be removed. GOD hath carved out an irresistible stone; He hath brought a strong westerly wind from these western climes which threatens totally to dismantle the tabernacles of the mystical woman; who in her doctrine, communion and government sits upon the shoulders of the kings of the earth.

This same event and operation may be seen in the dispensation of the white horse, seen by St. John in the Revelations. In a political preparatory and pioniering sense, George Washington mounted this prophetic horse in the opening of the American revolution. The Marquis La Fayette was borne through the tempest of the French Revolution by the same figure, as far as he succeeded; being dismounted, to take a walk in the dreary regions of Austrian Castles, prisons and dungeons, to illustrate the fate of Sons of

Liberty in the hands of earthly despots: Buonaparte leaped upon the horse left by the Marquis; and, on his back, proudly pranced through the states of Italy, put his hand into the pockets of his holiness, dried up the waters of the mystical Euphrates, and left the navigation of St. Peter's successor, at high water mark. To enforce this prophetic idea, already accomplished by many it is known, that in a literal and absolute sense Washington, La Fayette and Buonaparte performed their exploits, mounted upon a white horse, a figure, with all leaders of victory, and of triumph.

CONTINUING to illustrate this prophetic doctrine: Buonaparte is now smiting the River of Egypt in its seven streams. This was necessary to fulfill the scriptures—to give liberty to the Jews—to open the door of communication thro' all Countries where they reside, and to enter the wedge, which eventually may produce a fracture upon the Mahometan empire. Should the arms of France penetrate to Syria weaken the Mahometan power on the east, and the same power bear upon this empire in the north the scriptures will be fulfilled also in the event. *But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him, therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to make away many, and he*

shall plant the tabernacle of his palaces in the glorious holy mountains, yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him.

How far the dispensation of the *political Stone* shall be permitted to advance, casting down the buildings of the old world; before the advent of the Kingdom of GOD shall speak peace to the troubled nations is a question of no small moment. The sorrows of present scenes—the expectation of many, and the testimony of Holy Writ all unite in teaching that the Great Day is at hand: the long expected jubilee trump is about to sound.—The illustration of this point falls under the last head of our discourse; which was to shew,

III. What were the happy consequences, immediately to follow at the overthrow of the empire of mystical Babylon.

THE text declares; *And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."*

OTHER passages of scripture confirm this doctrine: the nature of the two contending powers

establishes it. As error recedes, truth advances. As the night withdraws, the day dawns and the day star arises. As old Babylon fell, the city, temple and service of the Jewish nation was restored. In these days, on the same principles of action, and of reaction, as the kingdoms of this world fall, the kingdom of GOD must arise.

THIS kingdom is so near, in fact and in reality, that its counterfeit is already manifest. The empire of darkness hath exerted itself to forge, in the inferior realms, the plan of the millennial day, and is now attempting to play off this game; and to palm this counterfeit millennium upon the sons of men, as tho' it was formed in the counsels of eternal truth, and had the sanction of eternal power. But where sir! can this magic scene be discovered, you may be ready to say? we have heard of Jannes and Jambres who withstood Moses, and of Satan who labored, by fair promises, counterfeit application of scripture, and by vain and pompous shews to gain the homage of the Savior of mankind to himself, in the gospel section; but we have never heard that any one had attempted to counterfeit the millennial section: the work must be too great! none could attempt to seize the reins of the millennial administration but such as GOD should appoint.

LAVATER, a celebrated Physiognomist of Switzerland, after the reduction of that country by the French arms, writes to the Directory of France of the greivances which the people suffer : and in a masterly manner demands redress.—“ You have” says he “ sent us Liberty, but it is the LIBERTY OF HELL !”—Never did words fall, with more truth and precision, from the lips of man. The Liberty which the government of France, now gives to conquered countries is indeed the Liberty of Hell. It is a plan of liberty, specious in words and appearance, like the charmings of the serpent, whose writhings and twistings and whole field of enchantments labour but for the moment, when with the utmost certainty, the prey may be swallowed alive. How many families, villages, towns, cities and kingdoms have gone down to satisfy the insatiable maw of these destroyers ! The thousand lives, the numberless possessions, the immensity of wealth which this vortex hath swallowed up, are scarcely sufficient to form an observeable trait in the back ground of this Terrible Republic.—Their stile is ONE & INDIVISIBLE ; that is UNITY and UNIVERSALITY. They design to form one universal Republic, at the head of which the voracious Directory is seated : and whilst on the principles of the sun-fish, extending and con-

tracting, these men devour the riches of the earth, they would fain teach the poor sufferers, that it is Liberty they are giving; and that the Millennial estate is fast advancing! well might Lavater reply, it is the millennium of Hell! so it is! it is the attempt of Satan to mount the millennial saddle thro' the instrumentality of the Directory. This feat secured, and the Directory supported; it would not be within the reach of Michael and of his host, to introduce the peaceful and prosperous reign of the Prince of Peace. This is the object and such the hope entertained, within the walls of perdition's palace!

BUT such object shall never be fulfilled; such hopes never realized! all may wish this; many pray for it; and to some it appertains to know it. The inspiration of God presents, in five different places, the *five headed monster* of France. They always hold the dark side of the picture. They stand an off-set, and counterpart to the administration of the Deity himself, in the latter day. This doctrine can be illustrated and proved to a degree of exactness and precision of which the world, with all its improvements, at present has no idea. Time will not admit even if it were proper, to enter on this interesting and solemn scene on the present occasion. Suffice it, for the purpose of proving the approach

of the administration of the latter day glory; that it be understood that its counterfeit is now upon the earth: that urged by the fury of the bottomless pit, this fallacious picture labors with a fierceness and perseverance unequalled, to secure its object; to execute its plan, and to seize upon its prey. And it will cost no high degree of faith to believe, if things are so, that nothing will be able fully to restrain the impetuosity of these agents of infernal enterprize; but the appearance and advance of that power to which all other powers shall yield obeisance, as unto God. To Him the dominion appertains. He is capable to resume it, and to give it unto his son. In the character of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, shall our Immanuel presently roar for his prey. He shall strike the sceptre from the hand of his enemies, and cause that the prey be delivered from the hand of the mighty. From design to bring this country into submission to their all-conquering power it is, that no reasonable terms of pacification have been accepted by them. Our commerce has opened the door for maritime depredation; at the reins of our government they have wishfully locked; and in more ways than one, have thrown the harpoon at our national bag.—Yet we live!—Though the tempests threaten our federal ship,

and at times, the pumps can scarce keep her clear, yet, under auspicious Heaven, we may hope to ride out the storm, until the all spreading hand of the coming dominion shall touch our helm.

THIS day commemorates the event, the joyful event, in which our federal ship was hove from the stocks, and launched upon the ocean of Independence. During her progress, for the first twenty years, she performed wonders; she sailed under the special eye of prophetic aspects; she brought our tribes from Babylon; she braved the tempests of complaint, excited by the Tobiases and the Sanballetts of the day; she shewed her flag, and ever carried a good side in moments of expectation. The whole scene accomplished, her prime navigator stepped on shore, and left the concern to them that should follow. The tempests have of late beat high; but dangers passed, shall but sweeten the felicities which are to follow. If Heaven first visit our land, in the spirit of the second revolution, as it hath in the order of the first, if it adopt the mountain of our administration, as the first mountain on which the kingdom of glory shall be established, it will be easy to see that the *Constellation* shall always set her compass for the *Insurgente*.

ON this subject, to the mind of the writer, there appears little doubt. Much may depend

on the faith of our political ark, acknowledging GOD, as the chief pilot, in all her concerns. Nothing is lost to our government, that it hath left the concerns of religion and of another world to the teachings of every man's own conscience, as unto GOD. It is a slander against the Heavens, to pretend to say that the things of GOD are indebted to the things of men for their support. Let GOD be true and every man a liar in this concern!

No sooner had the *twenty years* of our political operation built for us this political temple; than wisdom fell from GOD in respect to the millennial temple; from the bosom of this federal edifice it was to break forth. Under its canopy it shall be nursed: and whilst European nations behold on these western shores of the Atlantic, the temple of freedom, over which our confederation spreads its wings; they shall see how delightful a picture of the approaching millennial confederation it presents. For three years hath the wisdom of GOD been occupied in training to knowledge the instrument, appointed as the organ of divine communication. Such is the course of that divine teaching, and so multiplied and universal its forms of instruction, that no

event can happen, no place can be named where instruction cannot be found.

THE mountain of the LORD's house, now forming, will ultimately establish itself in the tops of the mountains, and exalt itself above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. Unto the mountain of the LORD, soon to be established in these United States, all nations, by their delegates, shall flow. They shall come to worship before GOD in Zion. It shall set, thro' this mode, GOD's compass upon the earth, and stretch his line under the whole Heavens. Ethiopia and Seba shall come and bow down: and upon the distant mountains to the ends of the earth, the mount of the LORD shall be acknowledged. Through the instrumentality of this organ, the Prince of Peace shall speak peace to the nations, and they shall beat their swords into plow shears, and their spears into pruning hooks and they shall learn war no more. *I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways, and he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives; not for price nor reward saith the LORD of Hosts; for lo! the labor of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature shall come over unto thee: and they shall be thine: in chains shall they come over and bow down, and*

make supplication ; saying, surely GOD is in thee and beside, there is none else ; there is no GOD. Surely thou art a GOD that hideth thyself O GOD of Israel the Saviour !

LEAVING prophetic illustrations, and waiting farther demonstration in support of what hath been said, either in view of elucidating the character of mystical Babylon, or the means by which she is overthrown, or the happy consequences which shall follow, it may now be proper to revert to the consideration of a few things analogous to the events of the day ; of the present fourth of July 1799, which we are assembled to celebrate. This day commemorates the event of the declaration of our National Independence. That was an important day, both in relation to the benefits which it brought in its train, in a national point of view and in reference to the foundation of that national edifice from which is yet to beam forth, the light and glory of the world. Let, then, the day be celebrated as the hour which gave birth to the mighty events which of necessity, were needful to prepare the way for the peaceful empire of the Prince of Peace. Be astonished at the event which in the kingdom of providence, the hand of our God carved out thro' the instrumentality of such unpromising means ! what could equal the enterprise of the sons of July fourth, 1776, but the

unequall'd enterprize, perseverance and toil of those who first braved the tempest that they might plant the empire of civilization and of religion in these western climes ! had they foreseen what was to spring from their loins, with what additional fervor of spirit might they have followed up the noble enterprize their thoughts had achiev'd ! But the fire of soul which was in them to possess, and to hand down to us, this fertile and extensive habitation, seems, by inheritance to have descended to us their sons ! Hail ye departed souls ! Hail ye slumbering fathers ! Arise from the dead and behold the wonders God hath wrought !

IF the benevolence of the Deity hath marked out for us such a possession, how loud the argument that the same sentiment of benevolence should meet a joyful welcome to our own breasts ! that we may be the children of our father which is in Heaven, who maketh his sun to shine on the evil and on the good, and sendeth his rain on the just, and on the unjust ! How can we so well improve the blessings of civil, of social, of rational, and of religious life, as to employ them in the purposes of a diffusive good will to all around ! Doth independence of character—enterprize abroad, lit-

erature and religion at home, grace the history of our nation, thus far, let us see it, that none of these characters are forfeited by a cold, an inanimate attention to the duties now before us; or to the enchanting prospects which now ravish the intellectual eye!

To the young Gentlemen, the members of the *Concilio Society* of this town, at whose request this Discourse is delivered, some attention may justly be paid.

Young Gentlemen,

IF there were nothing else by which your private or public virtues might be known, it seems a sufficient exemplification of your character, that you have formed yourselves into a society for the promotion of the interests of literature, of the social virtues, and of religion.—What objects can be more worthy the attention of American genius, than objects such as these? They enlarge the mind, increase the empire of thought, and dignify the soul. May your numbers increase, the very worthy objects of pursuit still enflame your minds with that noble ardour, which hath urged you to enter upon this happy course, and given you success thus far!—Let others, from your example dare to step forth, and with you, pursue the same path to dignity and to honor.

To encourage the emulous spirit of your rising society, let a very few brief inferences, from what hath been said, strike afresh, the spark of intellectual zeal into your animated minds!

1. ARE we Americans, by birth, let us learn to appreciate our origin, our present possessions and our advancing duties. Let us love our country—love our laws and our religion—love literature, love GOD, and love one-another.

2. HATH the political needle seemed to shake in the compass, and to puzzle the wisest to determine, when it should find its star; or whether the path of duty should lead, let the exemplification of the birth of civil and religious liberty in the United States, the building of the temple of freedom, here, as the base of the approaching building of GOD, determine our minds that primary respect is due to our own country, to our own constitution, and to own our laws.

3. HAVE any, in our country, seemed, by the shakings of the needle, to have been led into a spirit of dissention from the spirit of our federal administration; let all such receive a gentle hint to be ware of the waters of Talleyrand! If a vortex is in motion, its waters very extensive, and its end, political perdition; with what tenderness of thought may such be cautioned not to take the counterfeit millennial aspect, for the more

substantial good yet to be revealed!—A few months more and our brethren shall find that Americans need not look across the Atlantic for the blessings they, from the signs of the times, are led to expect and to pursue.

4. In the protection of these United States from the desires and designs both of Great Britain and of France, behold how truly the GOD of our fathers hath continued to be our GOD, in moments when the wisdom of our wisest men, hath been closely pressed to discern what was the path of political duty, best promising permanent peace, and social felicity to the inhabitants of these United States. The LORD JEHOVAH hath brought the *political ark* to the door of safety, and from her present convulsions, she shall soon reach the port of her permanent destiny.

5. LET us learn to excuse all false expositions of the prophecies, or of the signs of the times, seeing the door of just exposition hath not, before now, been truly thrown open. Let mystical Babylon fall! Let Talleyrand and his associates pursue her to extermination: never forgetting, that when the wrath of men *hath fulfilled the will of GOD*, the remainder he is able to restrain.—Amen.

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