

If we cast our eyes over the page of history we shall find no nation that has more cause than the English to be thankful for having been rescued by auspicious events from impending calamities; & among the many & various instances which may be adduced in confirmation of this sentiment, none surely is more prominent or more worthy of our gratitude than that which we now commemorate. - For what event can be more interesting to those who live at the time or afford more delightful contemplation & reflection to posterity than that of an Hero invited by the most enlightened & virtuous, received with joy by the rest of the nation who by their wishes had seconded that invitation - what can be more delightful I say than to contemplate such an Hero actuated by benevolence leaving his country, & exposing himself to imminent peril in order to rescue an oppressed & generous people from the threatened chains of despotism & from the rising mists of Romish Superstition - Thanks to the talents & virtues of William, thanks to the good sense, bravery & hitherto unbroken spirit of the English (oh may that spirit never in future be broken or debased) & above all Thanks to a superintending Providence his efforts were at length crowned with full success.

It is well for us who live at so distant a period to contemplate this event with the greatest attention, lest forgetful of what has happened in former times, we become careless of

what may happen in future, & suffering ourselves to be
cheated & deluded of our liberties, fall into those bitter ca-
lamities from which Providence has hitherto rescued us.
It is well for us to consider what would have been our situ-
ation, if instead of finding aid in a Foreign Prince, who
could powerfully & successfully assist us in our distress, we
had been like unhappy & Barbarously-treated Poland in
more recent times, the prey of ambitious & unprincipled
Tyrants, who should have stifled our expanding Liberties,
crushed our rising hopes, & under the damned pretence of
order & Religion (but in reality to glut the lust of dominion)
should have broken down the new raised altars of liberty,
let loose the merciless dogs of War on her Ministers, & tramp-
ling on every social right have seized & appropriated to
themselves the dismembered remnants of a ruined Empire! Oh
mild & blessed Spirit of Religion! forgive me if the indignation
excited by the fate of that unhappy country, urges me beyond the
bounds of moderation which thou hast prescribed. That thy
precepts, so mild so forbearing, so beneficent so enforceive of a
generous, a rational & a just equality, should be pleaded as
countenancing rapine, murder, insult & lawless domination is an
outrage on humanity, which no soul that feels at all can ~~not~~ bear
with calmness. We are accustomed to commemorate with appro-
priate rejoicings the deliverance of James I & his Parliament
from the plot of a Treacherous Incendiary - but far far better
would it have been for us that a Calamity ten times more terrible

had befallen us, than that by the failure of our Glorious Revolution
we had been involved in Evils like the above. But we have
escaped them - We have established a Power such as to make us re-
spected by the nations abroad, & an internal government that
secures to us all the blessings of social life - We trouble not our-
selves with the contrivance of a despotic Military. We may act & speak
each as he thinks fit, so long as he invades not the rights of others
& if we transgress, we are not condemned unheard. Valuable
Privileges! far more important than the name of the form of Go-
vernment under which we may live. Let us be careful then
to preserve them untouched - if they have been violated - if
any laws have been suffered to creep in, that seem to be infringe-
ments of our rights, let them be carefully reconsidered - if in
any points our Constitution requires to be altered or renovated,
let reform be temperately & judiciously applied. At present our
free & established manners secure us from tyranny, & would pre-
vent the bad effect of any law that should in theory be an en-
croachment on our ~~rights~~ liberty - but let us beware of a
blind & fatal confidence in our present security, if once we
suffer the forms of Liberty to be broken thro' with impunity
corruption will soon destroy the reality. Nor need we be a-
fraid of being seduced by illusive theories to extend our reforms
beyond the limits of practical utility. The lessons afforded us
by a neighboring nation are too awful to be overlooked or dis-
regarded, & cannot but secure us from exceeding on the side of
reform. There we saw the Genius of Liberty rouse from his
long slumbers, & stride triumphant over the land, breaking
asunder the bonds of the captive, & reinstating Man in his rights,
but mark the debasing effects of long oppression & ~~of~~

subjugation — whilst we were yet beholding with exultation the
first & fair effects of Freedom, whilst we were deluding ourselves with
delightful dreams & anticipations of her future fruits, our ears were
suddenly and fearfully assailed with murmurs & discordant sounds,
we saw the vile & sanguinary passions, that had been engendered in
Slavery, ^{had been} nurtured by oppression, & were now irritated by the barbarous
threats of despotic power, rear their terrific heads — Under an assumed
usurped passport from Freedom they walked abroad, & with careless vio-
lence subverted the social order; our hearts were appalled with dread-
ful scenes of blood & proscription, & whichever way we turned our
eyes, they in vain sought an object on which to repose with satis-
faction. Then was liberty put to her fiery ordeal; then was the
danger lest confounding the abuses of things with their essential
qualities, we had become disgusted with the very name of Free-
dom, & turning our eyes from the convulsed & horrible features of
unbridled licentiousness to the milder aspect of established Tyranny,
we had been eager to surrender ^{up to her} ourselves & our rights, & to seek shelter
from the savage storms of Revolution in the calm & deadly still-
ness of slavery. Let us beware of such a sacrifice — Let us
pause & consider whether it would long avail us & whether to avoid
a possible danger to ourselves, we should not thus be laying up a
terrible certainty for our Posterity; Let us not suffer ourselves
to be driven by examples, as if penic-struck, but guiding ourselves
by their light, let us equally avoid the dangerous extremes of
Licentiousness & of Slavery; & neither insulting our glorious
Revolution by delivering up the rights it has put us in possession of,
nor tannishing it by a licentious abuse of those rights, Let us give
to our posterity the same cause to look back to us with pious gra-
titude, as we have received from our illustrious ancestors.

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