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SAMUEL SEWALL (1652-1730) is best remembered as a colonial judge during the Salem Witchcraft trials, as a significant diarist, and as an ardent millenarian, who published a number of eschatological tracts on his favorite obsession. Born in Bishopstope, England, young Samuel (age 9) came to New England in the train of his family and settled in Boston. He graduated from Harvard in 1671 and served as a tutor from 1673 until 1675. When he was made a Freeman of the colony in 1679, Sewall launched his career in politics, first managing Massachusetts' printing press, then serving as a magistrate in the General Court, and later becoming a member of the Massachusetts Council. In 1688/89, he assisted Increase Mather’s efforts in London to acquire a new charter for Massachusetts. Subsequently, Sewall served as councilor to the colony until 1725. During the infamous Salem Witchcraft episode (1691-93), Sewall was appointed a commissioner of oyer and terminer and in this capacity was involved in the execution of twenty victims. In 1697, following a number of tragedies in his family, Sewall publicly confessed his errors of judgment during the Witchcraft trials, asking God for pardon. From 1692 to the end of his life, he served in various capacities as justice of the superior court, as secretary and treasurer of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England (1699), and as chief justice of the superior court of Massachusetts (1718). He fathered fourteen children and married three times.

Apart from his political achievements in the colonial judiciary, Sewall published a number of significant works. The Selling of Joseph (1700) is one of the earliest abolitionist documents in American history. His famous Diary of Samuel Sewall, 1674-1729 (1878-82) is a Puritan document par excellence and a window on a crucial period in the development of the colony. His millenarian tract Proposals Touching the Accomplishment of Prophecies Humbly Offered (1713) highlights Sewall’s eschatological theories amplified in his earlier Phænomena quædam Apocalyptica . . . Or, some few Lines towards a description of the New Heaven (1697, second ed. 1727). Reprinted below (courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society), Phænomena is something of an exegetical conundrum that encapsulates the most significant eschatological theories of the day. Writing in defense of America’s place in Christ’s cosmogrophy of the millennium, Sewall responds to Joseph Mede’s legendarium denigration of the New World as the location of Hell. More significantly, Sewall writes the equivalent of an American martyrlogy, advocates the conversion of the Indians as remnants of the Lost Tribes of Israel, and reaffirms America’s future place in Christ’s millennial kingdom, at a time when the Mathers and many of their colleagues looked toward Europe and the Holy Land for the fulfillment of their fondest hopes. Often misunderstood, Phænomena illustrates the intricate connection between prophetic exegesis and New England politics, between eschatological speculations and self-representation and policies toward the Indian populations of North America.

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Phænomena quædam

APOCALYPTICA

Ad Aspêctum NOVI ORBIS configurata.

Or, some few Lines towards a description of the New

HEAVEN

As It makes to those who stand upon the

NEW EARTH


Psalm, 45. 10. Forget also thy own people, and thy fathers house.
Isa. 11. 14. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistins toward the west.
Ach. 1. 6 -- 8. Lord, will thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?
------ ye shall be witnesses unto me unto the uttermost parts of the earth;
hañta lo ultimo de la tierra. Spanish Bible.
Luke, 15. 24. For this My Son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and
is found. V. 32. For this thy Brother &c.

Ille non decrit Promissis; restituet Regnum Israelí; sed suo modo, loco, ac
tempore. Bullinger. Nequís igitur a me dictâ, aut adducâ accipiat, quasi con-
tendendi, aut adversandi studio; ac non difficendi potius, ac conferendi gratia.

MASSACHUSET; BOSTON, Printed by Bartholomew Green, and John Allen,
And are to be fold by Richard Wilkins, 1697.
TO THE HONORABLE,
Sir WILLIAM ASHURST Knight,
GOVERNOUR, and the COMPANY
For the Propagation of the GOSPEL to the Indians in New-
England, and places adjacent, in AMERICA.

THE Commendation of Erasmus, in his Book enti-
titled Ecclesiastes, doth very justly belong to the
English Nation, upon account of their effectual
Desires that the Americans might be gospelliz’d;
Pulcherrimum Deque gratissimum erat dare potius quam ac-
cipere ijs quos studemus Christo lucrifacere: It was a most beau-
tifull Thing, and most acceptable unto God, rather to give to
them, than to receive from them whom we endeavour to gain for
Christ. And yet their Praises are to be sung in a higher Note:
For I can’t but think that either England, or New-England,
or both (Together is best) is the only Bride Maid mentioned
by Name in David’s prophetical Epithalamium, to assist at
the Great Wedding now shortly to be made. And for ought
I know, this Noble Gift, Administred by your Hands, may
be partly intended. Angels Incognito have sometimes made
themselves guests to Men; designing thereby to surprise
them with a Requital of their Love to Strangers. In like
manner the English Nation, in shewing Kindness to the Ab-
original Natives of America, may possibly, shew Kindness
to Israelites unawares. In the Year 1649. Mr. Downam
gave his Conjecture to that purpose, in his Appendix to New-
English Letters then printed. And Mr. Thoroagood was
so far satisfied in his Opinion about it, that he published a
Treatise in the Year 1650. entituled Jews in America. And it
should seem, many judicious Divines have been much of the
same mind. Mr. Eliot in his first Attempts to make them
Christian, was much concernd to find out some Promise
in the Scriptures relating to them, upon which he might
ground his Faith and Hope in his incessant Labours for
them: But afterward he concluded that the Thirty seventh
chapter of Ezekiel was written principally for their sake; as
also many other Scriptures. In this Perswasion that worthy Person, both liv’d, and dy’d. On the other hand, if America be laid out as a Rendezvous for Gog and Magog, this must needs tend to supersede all Desire and Endevour for their Recovery. But better Things are hoped concerning them, even such as will issue in their Salvation, when the fullness of Time is come. In stead of being branded for Slaves with hot Irons in the Face, and arms; and driven by scores in mortal Chains: they shall wear the Name of God in their foreheads, and they shall be delivered into the glorious Liberty of the Children of God. The Indians, upon various Occasions, do much affect to be called by a new Name: which is given them by the Approbation of their Elders. Persons of note among them, that they may wash off their Mourning, and be clean; and that they may have a convenient Opportunity for publishing their New Name; sometimes call for a solemn Dance. Now tho’ their Miseries be very inveterate, yet GOD can speedily, and easily give them a New Name, and in a moment, change the Scene. Asia, Africa, and Europe have, each of them, had a glorious Gospel Day: None therefore will be grieved at any ones pleading that America may be made a Coparcener with her Sisters in the Free, and Sovereign Grace of God. God many times sets one thing against another: and we may hope that Unparallel’d Severity will be succeeded by Superabundant BENIGNITI. And when the Messiah shall have gathered his Sheep belonging to this his American Fold: His Churches Musick being then compleat in the Harmony of Four Parts: The whole Universe shall ring again with seraphick Acclamations, ONE FLOCK! ONE SHEPHERD! That your Honour, and the Honourable Company, and all concerned with you, may be prospered by GOD in bringing forward this happy Match, is the constant Desire, and Prayer of...

TO THE HONORABLE,
WILLIAM SToughtON Esq.
Lieut. Governour
AND
COMMANDER in Chief,
in and over His Majesties Province of the Massachusets Bay in New-England.

WHEN I look upon the Longing Desire, and Parental Pity that was raised in Divines, and Christians of all ranks; both in England, and here, upon the very first Appearance of the American Prodigal his coming to himself, and being disposed to return unto his Father: I cannot choose but judge it to be very like to, if not the very same that is spoken of Luke, 15. 20. But when he was yet a great way off, his Father saw him, and had Compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. For as all physical Actions are of a Divine Original: so the Actions of good and holy Men, are in a peculiar manner ascribed to God. A Relation entitled, The DAY-BREAKING, if not the SUN RISING of the GOSPEL with the INDIANS in New-England; which was printed at London, 1647. together with the following printed Relations, do give a very pleasant Prospect of this notable Transaction, from October, 28. 1646. unto July, 5. 1659. inclusively. The sorrowfull Decay and Languishing of the Work in many places since that time; and the little Faith that is now to be found in exercise ... any thing against those Conjectures which, being groundless, fall of themselves. But on the other hand, when the Great KING was by his Ambassadors keeping up a Treaty of Marriage with America: it was then very Unseasonable and absurd to raise, or receive a Vain Report to her Disparagement. And it seemeth convenient, that that which...

Benzo p. 11, 14.
of Antichrist, in a most Long, and Bloody War. This Army is likewise
drawn up in Ten-Brigades; the Ninth being the
English Martyrs of
the Marian Persecution.
And the innumerable Martyrs which were slain under Philip,
and Flanders, make the Tenth. I hope the Reader wont stand with me for making the
to be the frequent & Honorable Mention that is made of the Martyrs, & of their
Doctrine, in Sermons, Martyrologies, and Acts of Parliament.* There
are very fair & full Martyrologies in Latin, English, French, and
Dutch. The Dutch Edition printed at Amsterdam, 1671. continueth
the general History to the Year 1657, and gives an Account of the Un-
beard of Cruelty of Ireland, & the dreadful Massacres and Murthers
of the Waldenses in Piemont, under the Duke of Savoy.* Of this there
is a large Account given by Samuel Morland Esq; and of the Collection
of 3800 l. in England & Ireland, to be distributed among the Remnant
of that distressed People. He give but one particular Instance, Who is it
that hath not been affected by hearing mention made of the faithful Serv-
ant of Jesus Christ, and Martyr of blessed Memory, Valiant and Loyal
Lambert? Who, to the eternal glory of CHRIST; and in defiance of
Antichrist's Halberst, and Chain, and Flame, Cried out None but
CHRIST! None but CHRIST! Vol. 2. pag. 398.
I knew not that the Conjecture was translated into English, un-
till I saw the second Edition, printed Anno 1670. the same Year that
Mr. Thowgood publish'd his JEWS in America. Which forced me
to follow my way into this Field: Permit me therefore, humbly to offer these First fruits to your Protection. Your...

*35 Edw 1
Anno 1392.
16 Rich 205;
24 H. 8. 135;
23 H. 8. 19, 20, 215;
Edw 6. 1, 2;
and 5 Edw. 5.

Mr. Thomas
Parker, MSS	P. 44

In France,
under Charles
the Ninth, above
Twenty Thousand
Martyrs were
slain in one
month. Fox,
Rev. p. 55.

Rev. 16. 9.

bath been said and written, and printed over and over again, to the In-
jury and Prejudice of Columbia: should one time or other he Unsaid;
that so the Scandal may be removed. And seeing the meere Conjectures of
Learned and Great Men, do bear, a great sway with multitudes, who
never enquire what the grounds are they go upon: it may seem a just Oc-
casion for this small disquisition. In which I have endeavoured to prove
that America's Name is to be seen fairly Recorded in the Scriptures; par-
ticularly, in the Book of Psalms, in Daniel, and the Revelation. That
Euphrates may be distinguished from the Sea, and from other Rivers,
it ought to be limited to some proper Place; for which place, I propose
the New World: as being so far from deserving the Nick names of Gog
and Magog; that it stands fair for being made the Seat of the Divine
Metropolis. In this manner Jesus Christ will turn his back upon the pre-
tended Vicar; untill He turn again, utterly to destroy him by the United
Anger of the Seventh Vial. Another thing that seemeth probable to me, is,
that the New-English Planters were the Fore-runners of the Kings of the
East; and as the Morning Star, giving certain Intelligence that the Sun of Righteous-
ness will quickly rise and Shine with Illustrious Grace and Favour,
upon this despised Hemisphere. If some Accommodations seem novel and harsh at the first view; yet I suppose, I have Mr.
Mede's Indulgence for the producing them: illud pro oculo habens, nisi in
hisco talibus liberius paulo sentiendi, imo et errandi V enia conce-
datur; ad profunda illa et latentia Veritatis Adyta, viam nunquam patefactum iri.

Mr. Thorowgood
published his
Chronicle
1655.

In Ireland,
Octob 23. Above
200000. Inno-
cent persons
were murdered
in one Moneth;
many, with exquisi-
t, &c.

*1655

May it please your Honour, Mr. Secretary Addington did rather
incourace than discounte this Vindicacion of America; for whose
Opinon your Honour hath justly a great Value. It was your Permission
that opened my way into this Field: Permit me therefore, humbly to
er to these First fruits to your Protection. Your standing Related to the
Honourable Corporation mentioned in the former Epistle, seemeth to render this Dedication homogeneous. And as I know not a more severe and accurate Censor of what is amis'd: so no more quick and powerfull Defender of that which is Right. Neither could I contrive better, to de-
sign that in Two Epistles, which Mr. Richard Bernard hath perform'd in Five. For it is well known that you are a Friend of the BRIDE-
\*
Psalm, 139. 7–10.

From sight of thy all-seeing Spirit,
   Lord, whither shall I goe?
Or wither shall I fly away,
   thy Presence to scape fro?
To Heaven if I mount aloft,
   Loe Thou art present there:
In Hell if I lie down below,
   even there Thou dost appear.

Yea, let me take the morning wings,
   and let me goe and hide:
Even there where are the farthest parts,
   where flowing Sea doth slide.
Yea even thither also shall
   thy reaching Hand me guide:
And thy Right hand shall hold me fast,
   and make me to abide.

In Enarratione hujus Psalmi, col. 1593. Nemo trepidet: sed nemo de Pennis suis presumat. Opus est ut habeamus pennas; & Opus est ut Ipse deducat. Adjutor enim noster est. Affirmat

AURELIUS AUGUSTINUS.

SOME FEW LINES
Towards a description of the
NEW HEAVEN

NOT to begin to be; and so not to be limited by the concerns of Time and Place; is the Prerogative of GOD alone. But as it is the Privilege of Creatures, that GOD has given them a beginning: so to deny their actions, or them, the respect they bear to Place; and successive duration, is, under a pretence of Promotion, to take away their very Being. Yet notwithstanding, some Things have had this to glory of; that they have been time out of mind; and their Continuance refuses to be measured by the memory of Man. Whereas New-England, and Boston of the Massachusets have this to make mention of; that they can tell their Age; and account it their Honour to have their Birth, and Parentage kept in everlasting Remembrance. And in very deed, the Families, and Churches which first ventured to follow Christ thorow the Atlantick Ocean, into a strange Land, full of wild men, were so Religious; their End so Holy; their Selfidenyal in pursuing of it, so Extraordinary; that I can’t but hope that the Plantation has thereby gained a very strong Crasis; and that it will not be of one or two, or three Centuries only; but very long lasting. Some who peremptorily conclude that Asia must afford situation for New-Jerusalem, are of the mind, when that divine City comes to be built, the Commodities of It will be so inviting as will drain disconsolate America of all Its Christian Inhabitants, as not able to brook so remote a distance from the beloved City. But if Asia should be again thus highly favored, and the eldest daughter be still made the darling; yet ‘tis known there will be a River, the Streams whereof shall make glad the City of God. The Correspondence, and Commerce of the little cities, and villages in the three Kingdoms, and Plantations, do make LONDON glad.
And so it will be with New-Jerusalem: the Nations of them which are saved, shall walk in the light of it; and the Kings of the Earth do bring their glory and honour into it. New-Jerusalem will not straiten, and enfeeble; but wonderfully dilate, and invigorate Christianity in the several Quarters of the World; in Asia, in Africa, in Europe, and in America. And one that has been born, or but liv'd in America, between thirty, and forty years; it may be pardonable for him to ask, Why may not that be the place of New-Jerusalem? Problematical Questions do circulate; and this was set up by Dr. Twisse above threescore years ago; the newness of it in its return after so considerable a space of time, will, I hope, render it grateful, or at least, will procure leave for one, with a little alteration, to enquire, Why may not New-Spain be the place of New-Jerusalem? Its being part of the New World, one would think, carries with it no contradiction thereunto. Places are usually called new from the newness of their situation; and not from their being built anew; as New-Spain, New-England, New-London. For certain, If Mr. Eliot's Opinion prove true; viz. that the aboriginal Natives of America are of Jacob's Posternity, part of the long since captivated Ten Tribes; and that their Brethren the Jews shall come unto them: the dispute will quickly be at an end. Manasseh-Ben-Israel is said to have published a book entituled, The hope of Israel, endeavouring to prove this Position. For my own part, what Mr. Downam, and Mr. Thorowgood have written on this head, seems to be of far more weight with me than what Hornius, or any other that I have seen, have guess'd to the contrary. Mr. Eliot was want to say The New-English Churches are a preface to the New Heavens: and if so, I hope the preface and Book will be bound up together, and this Mexican Continent shall comprehend them both. Who can tell, but that David may thus fetch a compass behind his Antichristian enemies and come upon them over against the Mulberry trees, and utterly destroy them by the brightness of his coming? Who can tell, but that Christ may in this matter expose the lowd fondness of the Unholy War, and happily umpire the Difference about the holiness of Places by causing New-Jerusalem to come down from God out of Heaven, upon that Earth wherein Satan, for many Ages, has peaceably possessed an entire, and far more large empire than any where else in the whole world besides? No body doubts but that our Saviour can enter into this strong man's house, bind him, and spoil his goods: Let us wait till He revive us by saying, I am willing. If I mistake not we have a warrant sufficient enough to encourage us unto a perseverance in hoping, and waiting upon God for this Salvation. 

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the beaithen for thine inheritance, and the Uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Of all the parts of the world, which do from this Charter, entitle themselves to the Government of Christ, America's plea, in my opinion, is the strongest. For when once Christopher Columbus had added this fourth to the other three parts of the foreknown World; who they sailed farther Westward, arriv'd but where they had been before. The globe now failed of offering any thing New to the adventurous Travailer: Or however, it could not afford another new World. And probably, the consideration of America's being the Beginning of the East, and the End of the West, was that which moved Columbus to call some part of it by the Name of Alpha and Omega. Now if the Last ADAM did give Order for the engraving of his own Name upon this last Earth, 'twill draw with it great Consequences; even such as will, in time, bring the poor Americans out of their Graves, and make them live. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potters vessel. 'Twas most awful to see, or but to hear of Christ's Spanish-Iron Rod walking amongst the earthen pots; whereby great Kingdoms, and Empires were quickly broken to shivers, with many millions of their subjects; unto whom both defensive, & offensive Iron was unknown, which made the deadly impressions of their Enemies weapons, and the inefficacy of their own, surprising to amazement. It is to be noted, that the Pots wherein they boiled their fish, and flesh, &c. were made of earth; as also innumerable other vessels: most were enjoind to use no other. By this means the Potters trade was in principal demand among them: which renders this Metaphor very agreeable. In the computation of Time made by the Mexican Nation, their greatest Period consisted of Fifty two Years; which they call'd a Wheel. Upon the last night of every Wheel they used to break all their Vessels, and stuff; and put out their fire,
saying that the World should end at the finishing of one of these Wheels, and it might be at that time. Upon this conceit they passed the night in great fear, and watched very carefully for the day. But when they saw the day begin to break, they presently beat many Drumms, sounded Cornets, Flutes, and other Instruments of Joy, saying, that God did yet prolong the time with another Age. And then began another Wheel, on the first day whereof they went to the high priest and took new fire, and bought new Vessels. Joseph Acosta, lib. 6. cap. 2. When the Spaniards came, they took these miserable Potters themselves, and dash’d them in pieces one against another. Holy Hilary, in his Exposition of the second Psalm, is exceedingly concerned, lest there should be any imputation of Ingratitude to our LORD, upon the account of his seising upon his Inheritance in such a manner, as presently to break it in pieces with an iron Rod. But he quiets himself in this; that it is in order to Restauration, and Reformation.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kìṣṣ the Son, &c.

They who will not take warning by Belshazzar, and Montezuma; and will not learn, in all their Administrations, to glorifie the God in whose hand their breath is, and whose are all their ways; they must expect to come to worse ends than they did. Great Montezuma, who laboured to be worshiped as a god. No plebeian might look him in the face; if he did, he was punished with death. He did never set his foot on the ground; but was always carried on the shoulders of Noblemen; and if he lighted, they laid rich Tapestry whereon he might go. When he made any Voyage, he and the Noblemen went as it were in a Park compassed in for the nonce; and the rest of the people went without the Park. He never put on a Garment twice; nor did eat, or drink in one Vessel, or Dish above once; all must be new. He used to be attended by Noblemen barefoot. This Montezuma, of whose bloody Pride, and Luxury he knew no bounds; was at last imprisoned in his own Palace by his unwelcom Guests; was hated by his subjects; covertly and basely slain; so that tis yet controverted, whether Spaniards, or Indians were the authors of his death. But howsoever, Montezuma died miserably, and paid his deserts to the just judgment of our Lord of heaven, for his Pride, and Tyranny. His body falling into the Indians power, they would make him no Obsequies of a King; no not of an ordinary person: but cast it away in great disdain, and rage. A servant of his having pity of this king’s misery, made a fire thereof; & put the ashes in a contemptible place. Acosta, lib. 7. cap. 22, 26.

Some judicious and learned Divines have conjectured that America is prophesi’d of in the thirty seventh of Ezekiel, under the denomination of a Valley. Certainly, no part of the habitable World, can shew more Bones; or bones more dry, than these vast Regions do. Mr. Downam thinks that Mr. Eliot’s taking his Text from thence when he first preached to the Indians, has its weight. His Appendix to the Letters from New-England, is well worth the reading. The Prophet is said to be carried out in the spirit: and for ought I know, he might be carried beyond the limits of the then known World.

Dan. 11. 45. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy Mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

The complexion of this portion of Scripture is such, as constrains me to imagin, that the place designed by the Holy Spirit, is no other than America. Every word almost, has an emphasis carrying in it, to me, the perswasion of this sense. They who remove from one Land to another, there to dwell; that settlement of theirs is call’d a Plantation. Especially, when a Land, before rude and unfurnish’d, is by the New-comers replenished with usefull Arts, Vegetables, Animals. Thus when in the year 1492, Christopher Columbus had opened the way, the Spaniards planted themselves in the spatus Regions of America; and, too much, planted Anti-Christianisme in the room of Heathenisme. Tabernacles] So called from the movableness of their condition, and shortness of their continuance. As Tents, they were lately set up; and, notwithstanding all their Præmunitions, so far as they are Anti-Christian, they shall be taken down before it be long, by the immovable Counsel and Providence of God.
The Extent, Riches, and Pomp of the Mexican and Peruvian Empires, are very great: Insomuch that when the Church of Rome met with Losses in Europe, they pleased themselves with their Gains in the New-World. They glory in the many places they have planted there; which are, they say, without all mixture of Hereticks. If with Mr. Nicholas Fuller, Miscel. Sacr. Lib. 5. Cap. 18. we take this word to signifie Equile Regium, Horse-Guards; It will still look upon America. The Reputation the Spaniards Horses gave them, did much contribute towards their prodigious Conquests. And after above threcscore dangerous battles, Mexico was at last taken upon Hippolytus day; August, 13, 1521. Since which time, Horses, that were never seen there before, are one of the four Fair Things of that Citie.

Between the Seas ] the middle Provinces of the New World, governed by the Vice Roys of Mexico, and Peru, are known to lye between two of the most wide, and famous Seas of the whole World. The American Isthmus; respecting its own narrowness, and the bold approaches of the huge Ocean on either side, does command the title of Nonsuch. America it self, and they who pass thereth, are so much concern'd with the Sea, that Peter Martyr stiled his History, Decades of the Ocean. And in the general History of Spain, part of the King's Tide is, The Islands, and firm Land of the Ocean Sea. Grimeston, p. 1234. in the glorious holy Mountain] ingenious Joseph Acosta lib. 3. cap. 19. speaking of New-Spain, hath these words, Which without doubt, is the best Province the Sun doth circle. And Mr. Gage, in his faithful Relations, cap. 12. p. 134. speaks of its Excellency in this manner, There is nothing in Mexico, and about it, wanting which may make a City happy. And certainly, had those that have so much extolled with their pens the parts of Granada in Spain, Lombardy, and Florence, in Italy, making them the earthly Paradise; had they been acquainted with the New World, and with Mexico, they would have recanted their un-truths. O that the Lord were truly worshipped where He hath poured forth the Treasures of his Goodness for the children of men! O that in that Eden, the tempting and enticing Serpent were not so much obeyed in the use of the fair seeming apple of Pleasures; and the LOR D that hath enriched it with such Varieties, so much neglected! The difficulty attending this construction, lies in the word [holy] which may be intended by way of Anticipation. What place more infamous for Unholiness than Canaan? and yet it is said Exod. 15. 13, 17. Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy Holy habitation. Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thy inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in: in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

Neither is this altogether dissonant from excellent Calvin's Commentary. For that which remains of the Roman grandeur, is shared between the Emperour of Germany, and the Pope: and they both contributed towards the planting these Tabernacles. Pope Alexander the sixth (that horrible Monster) by his Bull or Donation dated 1493. Quarto Nonas Maij, and Charles the fifth, by his Expence, and Royal Authority. They also that do govern in America, are not Kings, but Vice Roys, answerable to Calvin's Proconsuls. And 'tis not Mexico, and Lima, but Madrid, and Rome, that are the original, and principal Seates of the Government. Take a Specimen of Antichrists inevitable coming to his End, in the death of Roderick Borgia, afterward Pope Alexander the sixth; taken almost word for word, out of Onuphrius the King's Tide is, in the Life of that Pope, and out of Guicciardin, lib. 5. p. 235, 236. It is most certain, saith he, that in his father and in him; Cesar Borgia Duke Valentynois, were natural customs to use Poison; not only to be reveng'd of their Enemies, or to be assured of Suspicions: but also upon a wicked Covetousness, to dispoil Rich Men of their Goods: whether they were Cardinals, or Courtiers; altho they had never don them wrong; as happened to the Cardinal St. Ange, who was very Rich. This manner of Rage they would use also against their greatest Friends and Familiars, and such as had been their most faithfull servants; such as were the Cardinals of Capua, and Modeno: a Recompence unworthy the merits of good men; and not disagreeable to the disposition of such a Father, and son; whereof the one made all things lawfull by vile Dispensation: and with the other, nothing was dishonest wherein was Opportunity to his purposes. Upon the 17th of August, anno 1703. a Banquet of Wine was made in the Arbour of the Vatican [ad umbrosum Vaticanui ruris fon-
for the poisoning of Adrian Cardinal of Cornette, or of some of the Richest Senators, as Onuphrius has it. Valentinnois sent before, certain flagons with Wine infected with Poison; which he gave to a servant that knew nothing of the matter, commanding that no person should touch them. The Pope coming by adventure, somewhat before the Supper, and overcome with the Drought, and immoderate heat of the time, call'd for drink: and because his own provision was not yet brought from the Palace, he that had the infected Wine in charge, thinking it to be commended to his keeping for a wine most excellent, gave the Pope to drink of the same wine which Valentinnois had sent: who arriving whilst his father was drinking, drank also of the same wine; being but just, that they both should taste of the same Cup, which they had brewed for the destruction of others. Valentinnois, by the vigour and strength of his Youth, and ready Help of strong Medicines, and Counterpoisons, had his Life saved; remaining notwithstanding oppressed with a long and grievous Sickness. But his father the Pope being aged, and unable long to endure the strength of the poison, died the next day, Aug. 18th in the Vatican at Rome, in the 71st year of his Age, and the eighth day of the twelfth Year of his Popedom. The Corps was borne into the Church of St. Peter, black, swolne, and most deformed. All the Town of Rome ran with great gladness to St. Peters, about the dead body of the Pope, their eyes not being satisfied to see dead & destroyd a Serpent, who with his immoderat Ambition, & poisoned Infidelity, together with all the horrible Examples of Cruelty, Luxury, and monstrous Covetousness; selling without distinction, both holy things and profane things, had infected the whole World. Thus far Guicciardin in that place. In the Death of this Planter God hath given Earnest, assuring us that He will in the fittest Season, utterly root up the whole papal Plantation, so as none shall be able to Help them. The cognation that there is between this Prophesie, and that of the Revelation, is so great, as occasioned Mede to answer, I conceive Daniel to be Apocalypsis contracta: p. 964. It will not therefore be incongruous to pass immediatly thether, without any other Transition.

Rev. 6. 8. And I looked, and beheld, a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was Death, and hell followed with him: and power was given to them over the Fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

The Four Quarters of the World seem to be represented by Four Animals; Asia by the Lion; Africa, by the Calf; Europe, by the Man, and America, by the Eagle. Accordingly, the four first Seals seem to be Local; each of them chiefly, or firstly regarding what was to be done in some One Quarter of the World. So that Asia was to be the principal stage of the First Seals; Africa, of the Second; Europe, of the third, and America, of the Fourth. America is fitly represented by an Eagle, which Royal Bird is very frequent there, and was once the Standard of the Mexican Empire; the unparalleled Miseries whereof, and of the New World are here described. And there is no Verse in the whole Bible doth so pathetically, and with so much Amplitude, and Variety foretell the Destruction of Men: So wide, and deep the Measure needed to be, that was to contain the Blood, and Slaughter of America! If there may be any accommodation in that, the Colour* of this Horse is much like the Colour of the Indians. And altho it seem an oddity in Beza's Translation set forth Anno 1556. to make the Rider feminine; yet it may serve to put one in mind that this tragical Scene was first opened by the Magnanimous, and Modest Isabella Queen of Castile. From the death of this gracious Queen, which fell out Anno 1504. the American Destructions are observed to bear Date.

Hell followed &c. This is added by way of horrid Aggravation, being a most dismal Exemplification of that Proverb, Where there is no Vision, the people perish. Dr. Fulk in his Praelections published 1573. speaks thus, Sequitur autem mortem Infernus, ne Corporum tantum hœc lues esse censeatur: sed quam aeterna Animae mortis, & tormenta Inferni consequuntur. Et corporis quidem mortem Infernus semper sequitur, nisi in his solum quius morte Christi retusus est aculeus mortis. Mr. Arthur Dent, Anno 1603. “For assuredly, Hell doth always follow the death of the body, “excepting those only whom Christ hath delivered from Hell and Damnation, by the power of his “Death. All these perished without Faith, and without Sacraments, in the dolefull Epiphenema which Bartholomeo de las Casas often makes, where he gives an ac-
count of Twenty Millions Slain, Destroyed, and sent to Hell by Spanish Cruelties. The Grave has nothing to do here. Multitudes of the slaughtered Indians had no other Grave than the Bellies of Men, Spanish Dogs, and wild Beasts. In several places of this very Province, about the Year 1618, there was such a Plague among the Natives, that the living were not able to bury the dead; by which means the ground became strawed with their Bones.

*Fourth part*] it is the Field, and not the Proportion of the slain, that is here designed: the Jurisdiction of the Destroyers is delineated in those words, Upon the Fourth part of the Earth, i.e. Upon, or over America. What ever Variation there may be in reckoning the other parts of the World; yet America always obtains the Fourth place, as not only last, but very lately discovered to the rest. The Quaternion of Evils here specified, are notoriously known to have Ranged over this Earth. Dr. Whitaker affirms that no Histories make mention of so great Tyranny, as the Spaniards exercised over the Indians. De notis Ecclesiæ, p. 505. And Amundus Polanus in his Commentary upon Daniel, doth very largely, and pathetically describe this Desolating Abomination. *Vide cap. ii. 31. p. 1067, 68, 69, 70.* Neither need one salve the last Instance by a Metaphor: the Spaniards, fled from their delightful habitations by the Seaside, and betook themselves to the mountainous Deserts, where the Tigers met with them, and devoured them. And the Spanish Dogs killed, and eat Multitudes of them: which might help to sharpen Mr. Mede’s Pen, and cause him to say, Christ our Lord sends his Mastives, the Spaniards, to hunt them out, and worry them: which they did in so hideous a manner, as the like thereunto scarce ever was done, since the Sons of Noah came out of the Ark. Epist. 43.

The following Seal did for many Years, seem to make against the forementioned Applications, as altogether out of Time: But within these few Months, It seemed rather to offer Arguments for them. For the Prophesie doth not say when the Martyrs were slain, but when they were seen. Now if the Fifth Seal be concluded with the Year 311, or 325. the Antichristian Persecution, the longest, and most grievous of all, will be wholly excluded. Whereas *John* was so posted, as that he might look backward all along to the beginning; and forward all along, to the end of Martyrdom. The eleventh verse also seems to intimate that, measuring from this Moment, much more of the time of Persecution was past, than was now to come: *Yet for a little season,* may be understood in Comparison with what was already past. Upon the whole, I humbly crave leave to offer, whether the Year 1572, or 1573. may not be the Article of Time intended for this Prospect? Upon the supposition that Four of the Seals are Local, twas most orderly and methodical to place them all together; tho some passages of the Fifth might have an earlier ... & endowed for the setting forth of the Glory of God. Christ had bespoke Witnesses in every one of them; and therefore New-Colledge also is first mentioned, before the Fifth Seal bring in the whole University of Martyrs. Under the altar It is to be noted, that in the Year 1554. the Sacrament of the Altar Of the New Heaven upon the New Earth count of Twenty Millions Slain, Destroyed, and sent to Hell Spanish Cruelties. The Grave has nothing to do here. Multitudes of the slaughtered Indians had no other Grave than the Bellies of Men, Spanish Dogs, and wild Beasts. Besides their own bloody Massacres, Wars, Sacrifices.
be signified by a more express attribution of a Voice to the Fourth Animal. In the Year 1572. Paris it self, and the Prisons in Lions, and over the Kingdom, were made the King’s Slaughter-Houses. They of the Reformd Religion were commanded thither, under a pretence of keeping them out of Harms way: And there within the Courts of the Prisons, the Butchers Ax and Knife, and Streams of Blood too, as much as might be, were kept out of sight of the common people; for fear lest Humanity should have got the upper hand, and Roman-Catholicks should have rescued their Neighbours of the Reformation, from that monstrous Excess of Barbarity. At Lions, the publick Executioner, and the Garrison Souldiers innohled themselves by refusing to kill these Sheep thus brought into the Butchers Pen; tho commanded by the Governor. As Saul’s Guard of old, so their Unfading Honour shall never be in danger of being out of Mind, by being out of Sight, so long as any Compositors and Pressmen shall be left alive. In this Massacre, the Place and Means of the Trepan, were so Eminent; the Nobility, Number, Worth of the Martyrs slain, so very Extraordinary, that the Cry thereof went up to Heaven, and the Noise of it made the whole Earth to Ring again.

Polanus, to the date of his Epistle before his Exposition on Daniel, subjoins this Chronogram, composd in Remembrance of the Admiral, and of his Honourable Company of Martyrs; the numeral Letters whereof make 1572. in which Year, August 24. being the Lord’s Day, this Bloody Massacre was begun:

**BARTHOLOMÆUS FLET, SYRIA GALICAS OCCUBAT ATLAS.**

The next Year, a Fair Account of this Foul Tragedy, came forth in Print, bearing this Title.

**DE FURORIBUS Gallicis, horrenda & indigna Amiralij Castillonei, Nobilium atq; illustrium virorum sæde, scelerata ac inaudita piorum stragse passim edita per complures Galliae civitates, sine ullo discrimine generis, sexus, ætatis & conditionis hominum: Vera & simplex Narratio. ERNESTO VARAMUNDO FRISIO AUCTORE.** Vis consili expres mole ruit sua. LONDINI, Ex officina Henrici Bynneman. 1573.

This History brings to mind Three American Martyrs, whose Love to our Lord Jesus Christ appeard to be of Proof, whenas many Waters could not quench It, neither could the Floods drown It. In the Year 1555. Nicholas Durandus Villagagnon, a Knight of Jerusalem, one who had been imploed in great Business, a Learned, and able Man. He out of an eager desire to get Riches, and Honour; did by the mediation of Gasper Colligny the Admiral forementioned, obtain a Licence of the King to set forth a Fleet, and carry the French Ensigs into the New World. Upon the 13th of November, he arrived at the capacious Harbour, which by the Portugals is called Januarius, being in about 23. degrees of Southern Latitude. The Fortress erected there, he called Colligni; and that he might the more curry favour with the Admiral, he confirmd the hopes he had given that it was a convenient place for propagating the pure Religion; and petitioned that with his good leave he might send for some Divines from Geneva. And to that purpose, the next Year he writ to Calvin, who communicated it to the Elders; and after Consultation upon the matter, two were chosen out of them; viz. Petrus Richerius, of fifty; and Gulielmus Quadrigarius, of thirty years of Age; who at the Request of Villagagnon, and Colligny, undertook the Voyage. To these many adjoined themselves; and among them was Joannes Lerius. Philippus Corquillerius had the Conduct of the whole Company committed to him: He betook himself to Geneva for the sake of Religion, and was known to Colligny, by whose Letters he was solicited to engage in this Affair, tending so much to the glory of God. At their Arrival in America, they were received with expressions of great Joy; and quickly after, their Church was formed according to the Constitution, and Usage of Geneva, Villagagnon going before them therein, and promising to submit thereunto. About the 20th of March, the Lord’s Supper was administred, Villagagnon himself being present. Afterward Controversies prevailed among them by means of John Cointac a student of Sorbonne, who out of a fond concept of his own Learning, was ambitious of a Superintendency over the other Ministers. He was of ill manners, and such a friend to Antichristian Non-Residency, as not to be ashamed to hold a Benefice in
France at the same time that he was such a stickler at Brasil. He moved that Sacerdotal Garments might be provided, the Vessels consecrated, Bread unleavened, and the Wine mingled with Water, and the like. Richers in his Sermon, inveighed against these humane Inventions and those that sought to introduce them; at which Villagagnon was very angry, and silenced him: and, as is believed, being advis'd by a Letter from the Cardinal of Lorain, evil intreated the Genoese Ministers, and wearied them out, and their Company; who with much ado, through innumerable dangers, and almost starved, at last got to France. They were about 18, or 20. Leagues at Sea, when they sprung a Leak; and the most part of their Bread as damnified with the salt water: and they could hardly free the Ship by pumping. Whereupon, lest they should want provisions for so long a Voyage, the Captain gave way to the desire of five of the Passengers, to return ashore in the Boat: which their Company regretted, for fear Villagagnon should do them a displeasure. But they reckoned themselves safe, having not given him cause of offence; but Obligation. And so with much grief on both sides... 

When their Orthodox Confession was sent to Villagagnon, he declared them Hereticks upon the Articles relating to the sacrament of the Alter, and Vows; and said twas unlawfull for them to live any longer, lest the Company should be infected with their Poison. Yet his resolution to put them to death, he kept as privat as he could, till Friday, the 9th of February, 1558. on which day he orderd them to be brought from the Continent. Their friends with tears dissuaded them from going to their slaughter. But they considering that God might have brought them into those parts,
and preserved them in millions of dangers for this end; could not find in their hearts to desert the Cause of their dear Lord Jesus: So John Bordel, Matthew Vermeil, and Andrew la Fon went into the boat: But Peter Bourdon was left behind very sick. Being come to the Island, Villagagnon commanded that they should be brought before him, who holding their Confession of Faith in his hand, asked if they made and signed it. They answered that they made it and sign’d it, every one owning his Hand; and seeing it was according to the Confession of the holy Apostles and Martyrs of the primitive Church, they were resolved, by the Grace of God, to maintain it. Their words were scarce out, before Villagagnon discover’d a furious countenance, threatening to put them to death, if they continued in their damnable Opinion. And presently commanded his Executioner to put Irons on their Legs; and to every Chain to hang fifty, or sixty pound weight: and ordred them to be shut up in a nasty dark Prison, and set a Guard of armed men upon them. They comforted one another in Prayer & singing of Psalms. All the Company of the Island was very much troubled at this action, and secretly comforted the Prisoners, and gave them provisions which they stood in need of. The next day in the morning, he went well arm’d, with a page, into a little Hall, wither he sent for John Bordel in his Irons; of whom he demanded an explanation of the article of the Sacrament, He confessed that the Bread and Wine were Signs of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, confirming it by the saying of St. Augustin. Villag. in a great passion, gave him a blow on the face with his fist; whereupon much blood flowed from his nose and mouth. To the blow he added words agreeable; You have lyed, Villain, St. Austin never said so: Before I eat, I will reward the fruits of your Obstinance. As some tears fell with the blood, Vill. upbraided him, calling him a puny fresh-water souldier, that would cry for a fillip! Then he asked him if he would maintain, what he had writ and sign’d. Bordel answered, Yes, untill by Authority of the holy Scriptures I am otherwise taught. V. seeing the stedfastness of the man, commanded his Executioner to bind him, and carry him to a Rock which the water covered twice a day, three foot. He and his page being arm’d, attended the poor Sufferer to the place appointed. Bordel passing by the prison where his companions were, cryed out to them, with a loud Voice, Be of good Courage, you will quickly be delivered from this miserable life. As he went along, he sung Psalms, to the astonishment of bloody V. and his Executioner. Being upon the Rock, twas with much ado that he got leave to commend himself to God in prayer, before he went out of the world. The Executioner being too slow for furious V. he threaten’d him with a cat of nine tails, if he did not make haste: therefore he immediately threw him into the Sea, where he rendred to God his Spirit, calling upon the Name of our Lord Jesus till he was drownd.

Matthew Vermeil was brought next, being greatly astonish’d at the death of his companion, he pleaded with V. for his life with such Expostulations, Have we robbed you, or evilly entreated the least of your servants? Have we plotted your death, or done any thing to your dishonour? No Villain! said he; you and your companions dye for no such things as these; But because you are a most dangerous Pest to be separated from the Church, lest you spoil the rest of my company. The Martyr answered, Eight moneths are not passed since you have made an ample confession of the Points for which you make us dye this day. Afterward he petition’d him again for his life, offering to become his servant. V. said he had nothing for him to do: but he would think of it, if he would recant his Error. Vermeil seeing no hope given him, but what was destructive to his Salvation, became thereby resolv’d in his mind, and Cryed out with a loud Voice, I had rather dye, to live eternally with the LORD: than to live a little while, and dye for ever with Satan. After he had made this Prayer upon the Rock, and commended his Soul to the Care of God, he freely delivered himself into the hands of the Executioner; and Crying out with a loud Voice, Lord Jesus! have mercy on me! He gave up the ghost. Andrew la Fon had not strength enough to climb up into this Rock of Martyrdom: but by Promises & Threatenings, was drawn to some degree of Recantation: Or else was favoured by Villagagnon for the sake of his Trade of a Tailor, which was very necessary. And so his life was spared.

But the bloody Sacrifice of Vil. is not yet ended: One Victim remains; viz. Peter Bourdon, who was left very sick on the Continent. Villagagnon went himself thither, took
one ashoar with him. His first salutation to the poor sick man was that he must get up, and go into the boat; Bourdon would have excused himself, from his inability to do him any service by reason of sickness. Villagagnon told him, this was to cure him. The poor man not being able to stand, much less go; he caused him to be carried aboard. Villagagnon asked whether he would stand to the Confession he had sign'd. He answered, he would consider of it. As soon as they came ashoar, the Executioner bound him without any more ado, advertising him to have a care of his Conscience. Bourdon supposing that to be the place where his companions obtained the Victory over death; he recommended his soul to God, and Cryed with a loud Voice, Lord God. I am of the same Paste with my Companions, who maintained the Combat for thy Name, with glory and honour: I pray Thee, shew me Favour, that I may not succumb amidst the Allurements of Satan, the World, and the Flesh. I pray Thee, pardon all my Transgressions & Offences that I have committed against thy Majesty: and this in the Name of thy wel-beloved Son, our Lord. Having prayed thus, he turned himself towards Villagagnon, and asked him for what he was to dye. For sign-ing an heretical and scandalous Confession, said Villagagnon. ... Villagagnon told him it was no time to dispute, but to look to his Conscience: and bid the Executioner make haste: Bourdon seeing that Divine and humane Laws were as it were buried, being very resolute, he submitted himself to the Executioner; and calling for the Help and Favour of God, he dyed in the Lord. This Tragœdy was ended about ten in the morning. After which, Villagagnon exhorted the people to avoid the Sect of the Lutherans; with which he himself was once infected, to his great grief. He threatened death to the obstinate; saying, that everyone ought to observe what their fathers religiously taught them. This day he commanded plenty of Provisions to be given to the Artificers and Labourers, in token of Rejoicing. He had written to some Courtiers, that if they would not blame him for carrying Preaching into Brasil, what great matters he would do against the Ministers; promising to silence them. After this great Cruelty, his Affairs went every day to wreck: Returning to France, he fell into Disgrace there; at last a secret fire consumed him by degrees, and he dyed miserably, without repenting of his Apostasie. French Martyrol. Lib. 7. Fol. 400, to 404. and 414, to 418. Also Fox, his Table of French Martyrs, Vol. 2. p. 129. In this history, we are rather to admire the Grace of God helping three of this Company to go so far; than that the fourth went no further: Especially considering how destitute they were of Books, and of Friends that durst speak a word on their behalf; and above all, of their godly, learned Ministers, who might counsel them, and comfort them in their Agonies: whereas they had to do with a hasty furious Tyrant, more like a Leopard, than a Lord.

But to return to Revel. 6. 9. There seems to be a distribution of Martyrs into two Classes. The first were slain because they were Christians; the latter ware slain because they were Not Papists. For the WORD of God ] i.e. For the sake of Christ: They were for JESUS, and not for Jupiter. Testimony is, as it were, a Term of Art pointing to the Sack-cloth Witnesses mentioned Chap. ii.  This Phrase seems to be a stated Periphrasis for Anticristians, who impudently pretend to the Monopoly of all that is Ecclesiastical: whereas it is here said, that they themselves are Extra Ecclesiam. And white Robes were given unto every one of them ] The very material garments in which they commonly suffered, were of that Colour. And these words seem to be meant of the Justice done to the Memory of these slain Martyrs, by the True and Universal Histories that were written of Them about this time, whereby they were vindicated from the Reproaches of their beastly Pursuers; and had their Proper Character given them. Their filthy garments and Crowns painted with Devils, were taken off from them; and Fair Mitres were set upon their Heads, and they were clothed with change of Raiment. So much as might be, a particular Account was given of each ones Birth, Education, Employment, and Causes of Suffering. Illyricus, his Catalogus Testium Veritatis was printed at Basil 1576. About the same time John Crispin, Beza’s inti-
Diligence in the Famous University of Cambridge. It was expressly mentioned in their commission, ad eorum qui in hæresi decesserint, memoriam damnandum. And part of their sentence was, Eorum Memoriam condemnandum esse, & condemnamus. See the History at large. Vol. 3. P. 639. Of the Ninth Edition. In this manner, by these printed Martyrologies, adorned with lively Cutts; the blessed Martyrs are, all under one, both gloriously Apparelled; and also placed in the open View of the whole World of Christians whom John personates.

And it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season ] Now what the Lord will do with this wicked World, or what Rest He will give to his Church after these long Sorrows; he is our Father in Heaven, His Will be done in Earth as seemeth best to his divine Majesty. In the mean time, let us for our parts, WAIT upon his Graces Leisure; and glorifie his holy Name.

John Fox his Protestation, Vol. 1.

Of the New Heaven upon the New Earth

sal History of Martyrs, at Basil, during his exile there; and perfected it at London, after his return. At first, he writ in Latine, and sent the Copy to Basil to be printed, where the Work is in great Estimation; as also in divers other foreign Nations. Legatur Martyrologium Joh. Foxi, saith judicious Pareus in his learned Commentary upon Rev. 16. 6. Col. 8. 31. His more compleat English Edition was finished about the Year 1570. Thus Christ commanded the Keepers of his Great Ward Robe, to clothe his Martyrs with rich and costly white Robes of Latine, English, and French Contexture. Mr. Fox affirms, that by the Iniquity of Time, this Work could not be contrived in any Kings Reign since the Conquest, before the Halcyon days of Queen Elisabeth. One Reason why this important Work could best be performed then, may be gathered from the Triumph which this Learned Unwearied Author gives the Art of Printing, invented about the Year 1450. Of which, take this specimen: “By this Printing, as the Gift of Tongues, and as by the singular Organ of the Holy Ghost, the Doctrine of the Gospel soundeth to all “Nations and Countries under Heaven; and what God revealeth to one man, is dispersed to many; “and what is known in one Nation, is opened to all. Vol. 1. P. 803. The Usefulness of Martyrologies, He expresseth thus, Et tamen voluit hoc modo tua declarare Majestas, nobisque innotescere hominibus, quam honoresicum sit, pro tuo nominis gloria fortiter dimicantes, occumbere, quorum Tu vitam a cinere ac rogo sic vindicas, sic causam tuernis, sic dignitatem illustras, ut eandem, cum gloria fieare, abs Te recipiam clarem, quam si nunquam aliquis perdideris.

The best word the Lord Cardinal, and Bishops could afford Mr. George Wisbeart, was, False Heretick, Runnagate, Traitor, and Thief. But when this Cause is brought before Mr. Fox by an Appeal, He by a very just and impartial Sentence assures us, that he was a most charitable Gentleman, a very good Scholar, a vertuous Traveller, an orthodox, holy man of God, and blessed Martyr of Jesus. Vol. 2. p. 521. Very notable is the Restauration of the Memory of Martin Bucer, & Paulus Phagius, by Matthew Parker, Edmund Grindal, Gualter Haddon and others, the Commissioners of Queen Elisabeth. Cardinal Pool's commissioners had been such Unrighteous and Cruel Exactors, as to make the Bones of those Worthies to pay for their Orthodoxy, and fruitfull...
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The Sack-cloth Witnesses are the constituent parts of this Temple; which for the first Ages of it, was more closely shut, and less visible: and began now to be more open, when the Commissioners of the Sack-cloth Testimony stood forth, in order to the execution of their Charge. On the other hand, the Church Rev. 11. 19. is called the Temple of GOD, intimating that God had a more visible, avowed, and immediat Hand in building this Temple. As the New-Jerusalem is said to come down from God out of Heaven. It may also imply the Excellency and Glory of this Church above the former. And therefore God will avowedly and plainly Own this Church to be His, by his Wonder-working Providence in the face of the whole World. Whereas God did but privatly, and partially favour the other. And that, many times, Not to save them from death (The Witnesses must be slain) but to strengthen them, and enable them to dye Triumphant. As it fared with Christ their Head. In this Divine Temple, the Ark of the Covenant is Seen: There's another difference. Mr. Mede conjectures it may be meant of Christ's Personal Appearance. See lib. 7. cap. 11. P. 1114. However, then it will satisfactorily and plainly appear to the Saints, that God in Christ, is a God Keeping Covenant; a God of Truth, Fullfilling every good Word He hath spoken concerning his Chosen, and concerning his Enemies. Then, and not till then, will it fully appear, that God is a faithfull Keeper of that Covenant recorded Jerem. 31. 31. and Heb. 8. 8. The Israelites had indeed served Baal, and not Jebovaah. Therefore it was fit that God should carry it towards them as Baal did to his prophets, 1 Kings, 18. 26.—29. But now, God will of his bounteous Grace provide, that there shall be no more National, permanent Apostasie. For the Confirmation of what has been said, take a few words of my ever honoured Master, the late Reverend, Learned and Holy Mr. Thomas Parker, in a Manuscript of his upon Isai. 60. Nova Hierosolyma qua hic descriptur, est ipsa Philadelphiensis Ecclesia, quoad antitypum, inchoata a temporibus Wiclefi; ante ejus pedes adorabunt omnes ipsius mimici, in compensationem Partientiæ, quae sustinerat Opprobrium antegressum tempora Wiclefi; et qua sustinerat Opprobrium & Persecutiones passim erumpentes in primum ridis Regni Christi, post Wiclephum. Restuti. Hec etiam est


Upon these grounds, the forementioned Objection ceaseth to be cogent with me. And I am so far from thinking that no Vial is yet poured forth; that I am apt to conclude, that no less than Five ANGELS have already poured out their Vials. So many guesses have been made about the Subject of the Fourth Vial; that if I do enter a claim for the Sun of Persecution, I shall no more incur the danger of being extravagant, than some that have gone before me. Certainly, that is the Sun that consolidates and cherishes the Antichristian State. As for the Fifth Vial; Bullinger, Brightman, Forbes, Pareus, Mede, and Company Interpreters of the Revelation, have poured that to purpose. As also Dr. Whitaker, The Author of the History of the Council of Trent, Chamier, Robert Parker, Dr. Ames, Dr. Owen, cum multis Alis. And seeing the Tower of Babel hath no other foundation than the Uncertain Vanity of the Apostle Peter's having been at Rome: Uldaricus Velenus did the Babylonians a singular displeasure in writing a Treatise to prove that He was never there. Bellarmin. de Pontif. lib. 2. cap. 1. The truth is, except their Index expurgatorius be enlarged with many Clauses of Scripture, the Probability lies on Velenus his side; Ten to One. And Bellarmin's arguing from Peter's Tomb, is unsound. For it was customary at Rome, to make Funeal Solemnities, and erect Monuments for persons dying abroad. Alcyone resolved to pay that Respect to her husband Cexx, who was lost at Sea. Ovid Metamor. lib. 11. & lib. 12. princip.

Si non Urna, tamen junget nos Littera, si non
Ossibus Ossa meis, at Nomen Nomine tangam.
How easy was it for the modern Romans to make use of this Custom when it might serve their turn. Moreover if this Vial partly intends Impressions to be made upon the City of
Rome it self; yet we need not wait longer for them. There was a jostling between Charles the Emperour, and Clement the Bishop. The Empyrours Army in their march towards Naples, wanting both Pay, and Provisions; Charles Duke of Bourbon, was fain to calm them, by promising the Liberty of furnishing themselves at Rome. Upon the fifth of May, 1527. They incamped in a meadow near the City. From thence He sent a Trumpet to the Pope, to demand passage for his Army through the City, in his way to Naples. The next morning, May 6. at break of day, He drew near the Suburbs, by way of the Mountain, and Santo Spirito, wherein he was favoured by a very thick Mist; which rising before day, and increasing with degrees of Fogg and thickness, became such a Covert to the whole Camp, that his Souldiers were not discerned till they were near the place where they began a furious Assault. The Noble Duke marched in the head of his Troops, carrying a scaling Ladder in his hand; and was unhappily slain with an Harquebuse shot. Philibert of Chalon Prince of Orange causing his body to be covered with a cloak, maintain the Charge very vigorously, and by dint of Sword forced his Entrance. The defendants fled before him; their Fear being far above any other sense or passion in them; and the Suburbs were entirely abandoned, and left a prey to the Conquerors. Clement was in the Palace of the Vatican, expecting the issue; who hearing that the Enemies were entered, discovered his Passions of Fear and frailty; and with certain Cardinals presently bestook himself to the Castle of St. Angelo. He was in doubt whether it were best to abide there; or to retire to some place of greater surety. In the mean time, Berard de Padoa, who was fled from the Imperial Army, certified the Pope, that the Duke of Bourbon the General was dead, and that their Courage was thereby so much abated, that they desired an Accord with him: in which matter they sent out men to parley with the Principals. On the day following, while the Pope was in this perplexity, not knowing what course to take; the Spaniards seeing neither Order, nor Counsel to defend the Quarter beyond Tiber, entered without any Resistance; and the same evening, they entered by the bridge Xisto, into the City of Rome, where all was turned into Flight, and Confusion. For want of great Artillery, the first Dispute was sharp; in which there fell of the Imperialists One Thousand. Being exasperated by this Loss, and the death of their General; they slew and put to the Sword Four Thousand. In their pillaging, small regard was had to Friends or Favourites; much less was respected the Authority of Cardinals and Prelates, tho of their own Nation; Or the Dignity of Rich Temples, Relicks, Deductions. It is hard to particularise the greatness of the Prey. But that which made the Spoil infinite in Value, was the Quality and great number of Prisoners, Redeemed with most rich and huge Ransoms. The Launceknights, being Germans and favourers of Luther, bore no good will to the Church of Rome. These took prisoners certain Prelates, whom they apparelled with the Habits and marks of their Dignities, and then set them upon Asses and lean Mules, with their faces reversed to the crowpe of the beasts; and so led them through the City of Rome, upbraiding & terrifying of them with the Name of Luther.* Many of them they variously tormented; so that some first yielded a Ransom, and then their Lives. The Cardinal of Sienna compounded with the Spaniards, and was afterward made prisoner by the Launceknights, who made booty of his Palace, and then led him all naked with buffets and bastinados, into the borough. He was driven to redeem his life out of their hands with a promise of five thousand Ducats. The Cardinals Minerva and Ponsaro payed the Ransom they were rated at, after they had been in a vile Spectacle carried in Procession through the Town of Rome. One called the Cardinal Sanctorum quatuor, or Cardinal of Pouch, was slain. To these Stroaks were superadded that of the Plague, which invaded the City and Souldiers at the same time; and made its Entrance also into the impregnable Castle of St. Angelo, to the great danger of the Pope’s life: about whom died certain special Men who did service to his person. The Pope was at last so far meekened by the complication of many pressing Calamities attending a strait Siege, as to be brought to a Composition with the Imperialists. He was to make present payment of threescore thousand Ducats to the Launceknights; and to the Spaniards, thirty and five thousand: This being done, they were to set him at liberty with all the Cardinals. Within three moneths after, other like great Sums were to be paid to the Spaniards and Launceknights, according to

their portions; which together with the Sums that had been paid, amounted to more than three hundred and fifty thousand Ducats. That he might make these Payments, and deliver himself from the heavy yoke of his Imprisonment, he created certain Cardinals for Money, of whom the most part, for their Learning or Vertue, were Unworthy so great Honour. The Cardinals Cesis and Ursin were delivered to the Souldiers as Hostages, who were led by the Cardinal Colonno to Grotaferara. And so all things having their orderly Expedition, the Spaniards were to guard him to a place of Surety the tenth of December. But he fearing some variation or ill Accident, stole away out of the Castle the night before, in the habit of a Merchant, and was guarded to Orvieto. The Souldiers satisfied of all their Payments from the time of the Pope’s delivery, with forty thousand Ducats over and above, as imprest money for two days, they marched out of Rome the 17th day of February, a day which had been most joyful; and of special Respiration to the wretched people of Rome, if their Calamities, which they supposed to be ended by the departure of the Launceknights, had not eftsoons re-continued in a new course by the Abbot of Farfa, and others of the family of the Ursins, who entering the Town with the paysants of their dominion, did for many days many great Insolencies. By reason of these Calamities, grievous for their continuance, and lamentable for their wretched Succession; descending from one Enemy that was ill, to another that was worse; the City of Rome was not only made naked of a great part of her Inhabitants, with the desolation of many houses and Palaces: but also it stood rent and defaced in Images of ancient and worthy presence, &c. Guicciardin, lib. 18. pag. 8y—8r. Thuanus speaks after this manner, Cesar, ut injuria sibi a Clemente iliatam ulcisceretur, nominis pontificij auctoritatem per omnem Hispaniam abolebat; exemplo ab Hispanis posteritati relicto, posse ecclesiasticam disciplinam in tru nominis pontificij auctoritatem, ad tempus conservari. Eodem tempore Columnni a Cesare instigati, Romam occupant, & Clementem in Mausoleo Hadriani obsident. Nec multo post totes viribus Romam iitum, Duce Borbonio, et urbe in petu capta & direpta I CCCC postquam a Totila postremo vasa tata fuit, anno, abunde de Clementis ambigua fide Cesari satisfactum est. Histor. lib. 1. p. 17. Cesars abolishing the Popes Authority for a while, might lead the way to Henry the Magnificent his Uncle, to do it for good and all. Guicciardin reports the Imperial Army to consist of Four and Twenty Thousand; viz. eight thousand Spaniards, twelve thousand Launceknights, and four thousand Italians: an Army sufficient to do in Italy what they pleased. The Cardinals that were in Italy made a motion, that as well they as the other Cardinals beyond the mounts, might assemble together at Avignon, to take Counsel in so troublesom a time, what course to hold for the stability of the church. But because they would not all at one time, range themselves under the power of so mighty Princes, they declined it. The Pope’s chief hope was in Francis the French King, who had been Caesars Prisoner but a little before; and now the Dauphin, and Duke of Orleans were in his hand as Hostages. Which rendred his motions slow and irregular, as of a person in Fetters. So that Monsieur Lawtrech commander of the Leaguers Army advanced not so far as Rome. And Tiber by its Overflowing, incommmoded a Party of their Men. The Emperor also had a considerable Interest in Italy. Pompeius Columnna the Cardinal, who much Influenced the People, was at his devotion; and the Duke of Ferrara strongly solicited Charles Duke of Bourbon to surprise Rome, as the only Expedition for securing his Master’s Interests. By such means it came to pass that the Imperial Army had no less than Nine Moneths time to pillage Rome. Where the Pope contrary to his custom, his nature, and all expectation, did not only constantly remain; but being confident of defending the City, he did not only forbid Men to go away; but also made an Ordinance that no Goods should be carried out; which Merchants and Artificers would have secured by sending them down the River. Ea Nocte nihil unquam lugubris aut funestius Roma vidit, saith Omphrius in the life of Clement, p. 382. col. 2. Now if one or two Kings did so far waste Rome by the by, and as it were in Jest: When the Seventh Vial’s Turn comes, the Ten Kings will do it perfectly, and with a Vengeance. For Rome will be reserved till then, Ut sentiat se mori. If the Papists object the death of the Duke of Bourbon: That Loss was well repaired by the Choice of the Prince of Orange in his stead; by which means Rome’s Night was made more dark, and came on the faster. And Johannes
Medices, one of the chief Commanders on Clement's side, fell also by a shot. Even Monsieur Lawtrech, the Pope’s deliverer, died in the Camp not very long after; and most of his Army was swept away by the Plague. Not above three Years after, the River Tiber received a Commission to make some considerable addition to the Ruine of Rome. Tiberis alveum egressus magis quam ad eam diem hominum memoria, vel setustis monumentis relatione ejus, Urbem inundavit, incredibilis cum Romanorum damno, et oedium detrimento. Onuphr. p. 384. col. 1.

Upon all, or some of these Considerations, it seems to me probable that Five of the Vials are already poured out. Not but that they hold on their course still; and will do so, until the Confluence of them all do with irresistible Force ingulf Antichristianisme in utter Ruine. The truth is, all the Vials may in some sence be said to have been poured out together at the beginning of this Period of Rome’s gradual Decay. Yet there are critical Times, and characteristical passages of divine Providence, wherein each Vial obtains the successive Regency appointed them of Christ. And the Sixth Angel seems now to stand ready with his Vial, waiting only for the Word to be given for the pouring of it out. The pouring out of this Vial will dry up the Antichristian Interests in the New World: and thereby prepare the way for the Kings of the East. This is agreeable to the analogy of Interpretation generally given by the Ancients; and more lately by Bullinger, Pareus, Cowper, and many others. Only as Euphrates is one individual River, so tis suitable to limit it to this Continent; thereby to keep it as it were within its banks. There is nothing of it left remaining to make Babylon glad. Consequently, the Armagedduntine Expedition will some way resemble that of 1688. Only it will be much greater, and more fatal to the principal Undertakers. Mr. Brightman couples Revelation, 16. 16. with Daniel, 11. 45. So that if the genuine sence of that place hath been given, we know here to look for the drying up of Euphrates. And to make the Turkish Empire the subject of the Sixth Vial, seems heterogeneous: For Euphrates must needs be parcel of the Waters upon which the Whore sits at the time when this great River comes to be dried up: Which the Sun of Righteousness will do, by causing so much of her dominion to cease for ever. The Pope and his followers, by warring against the Turk, do not dry up Euphrates: but do enlarge the Papal, by the diminution of the Ottoman Empire. And although the passing away of the second Wo be matter of universal Joy; yet to make it to be the drying up of Euphrates, seems hard: For the Sixth Vial doth not carry off an Old Plague; but brings on a New one. Neither did I ever hear that the Reformed Churches fared so much the better for the taking of Buda, as to make me think that Euphrates was then partly dried up. Moreover this is a new accommodation. The first that I find of it, is in Mr. Fox, p. 373. Probably, if he had met with it before, he would have mentioned it; that being his professed design, Praefat. p. 6. But he acknowledgeth Interpreters went another way, and endeavours to refute them. Pareus speaks thus, Neque nova vel recens a nobis excogitata est beec interpretatio. Eandem enim ANONTMUS mens ante 260. annos expressit his verbis, &c. col. 899. The inconsistency of this Opinion with Mede’s Hypotheses, makes not a little against it. He himself seems to be put upon bending the fourth, to make it conform; aut saltem quod bestiae saluti innexum, ejusque interest. p. 676. Although so great a Pilot’s taking this path, was an extraordinary prejudice; yet many learned Expositours have still chosen to go in that which was the beaten Road in Mr. Fox’s time; and, as I suppose, was, and is the KING’s high Way. Mend but the Chronology of Alcasar’s dream, and what he hath written upon the Sixth Vial, becomes a very good Protestant Exposition; Etenim repente, et præter opinionem, alius uxor propriam esse Christianam deprehendit, alius filiam, fratres aliis, alius cognatos & affines; ac demum omnes pariter animadverterunt Christianam Fideris esse in mediam Romam, et in ipsas eorum domos insinuasse, atque adeo sìx aliquam efe super, quoniam celestis ille penetrasset Ignis, quem Christus in terra accensurus adventit. p. 730. To his own that golden Promise belongs, The Lord will dry up Euphrates to make a way for his scattered ones. Some think it concerns the Return of the Jews miraculously; as once through the Red Sea. Rogers’s Naaman. p. 228.
**Sed, Quorsum bœc?** What Concernment hath America in these Things! America is not any part of the Apocalyptic Stage. The Promise of preaching the Gospel to the whole World, is to be understood of the Roman Empire only, according to the extent of it in John’s time: As it is said Augustus made a decree that all the world should be taxed. The Roman Empire contained about a third part of the Old World, and this Triental only was to be concerned with the Apocalypse. The Prophesies of the Revelation extend but to such Kingdoms or Monarchies of the World, where the Church in all Ages still was: therefore not to the West-Indians, nor Tartarians, nor Chinese, nor East-Indians.

But what shall we say, if the Stone which these Builders have refused, should be made the Head of the Corner? Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood. Or if it be not made a Corner-stone: that it should be quite thrown by, and not be at all laid in the Building: is more than can be proved from the Scriptures. I suppose there is nec vola, nec vestigium of any such thing to be found there. Who art thou that judgest another Mans Servant? to his own Master be standeth or falleth: Ye, be he bolden up; for GOD is able to make him stand; may be applicable here. There is a vast odds between historical and prophetical Scriptures, as to the manner of their declaration. Augustus taxed as much of the World as he could; taxed all his world. Why may not Jesus, in like manner; give Law to all His World, without asking Cæsars leave? To tedder the Scriptures, and tie them to the Herculean Pillars; takes off all the Lustre of the Spanish Motto, PLUS ULTRA; and makes the Glory of it to dwindle away to very nothing. But the Word of God is not bound. To go about to do it, is, I fear, to limit the Holy One of Israel; and injuriously to spoil the Church of that Doxology, In God will I praise the Word: In the Lord will I praise the Word. I have seen an end of all perfection; but thy Command-ment is exceeding broad. It was so in David’s time; but now, tho the Scripture Canon be compleat, it is so far shrunk, as to extend but to about a Quarter of the Old World? For they who have no share in the Revelation, tis hard to think how they will be able to make out a good Title to any portion of Scripture: this being the last, and most comprehensive of all. And what a Rack of Romanizing, endless, incurable Torture, must this needs fasten serious Christians upon. Whenas after diligence to acquaint themselves with the Scriptures, and to obtain the Favour of God in the ways there marked out: still all is bootless, except they can prove themselves to dwell within the bounds of the Roman Empire. Which, as to multitudes, is a doubt that all the Learning in Europe, is not sufficient to resolve. And what shall become of Scotland, Of the New Heaven upon the New Earth 31 Of the New Heaven upon the New Earth Sed, Quorsum bœc? What Concernment hath America in these Things! America is not any part of the Apocalyptic Stage. The Promise of preaching the Gospel to the whole World, is to be understood of the Roman Empire only, according to the extent of it in John’s time: As it is said Augustus made a decree that all the world should be taxed. The Roman Empire contained about a third part of the Old World, and this Triental only was to be concerned with the Apocalypse. The Prophesies of the Revelation extend but to such Kingdoms or Monarchies of the World, where the Church in all Ages still was: therefore not to the West-Indians, nor Tartarians, nor Chinese, nor East-Indians.

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A Pocalsypis codex est fatorum ecclesiæ Gentium, non Judæorum. Habent enim Judæi de suo &c. neque nostra ulla-tenus opus habent.

These Pronouns, Meum and Tium, in a business of this nature, I cannot away with. This being one of the first Writts of Partition brought for dividing the Scriptures, that I have taken notice of. The Scriptures are an Estate holden in Joint Tenancy, and none have any preferable Right in them. From the Epistle Dedicatoriy; Unto bis Servantes, we must with Mr. Dent conclude, that the whole Doctrine of the Revelation appertaineth to the Universal Church of Christ throughout all the World, in all Times and Ages. p. 8. The Bodleian Library is not the Propriety of this or the other particular College, or Hall; much less, of the happy Keeper of it: but of the Renowned University of Oxford. By which means the whole World is benefited by their Illuminations. The Apocalypse is a most illustrious Epithalamium suited to the stately Magnificence of the Bridesgroom, and of the Bride. Now the Jews upon their Return, will eminently sustain that Character. The New Jerusalem is that which the Old and New Testament do ring of. This City of God is especially made up of Jews, and from thence it hath its Name. Goodwin, Rev. p. 108. Therefore, seeing the Parchments belong to those who have the Estate; this Book must needs belong to the Jews: because the glorious Things that are spoken of therein, are eminently spoken of them. Our LORD, whose this Book is, and his Servant John, the writer of it, were Jews; and there have been of that Nation converted in all Ages, who have kept Possessions for the rest: so that I cannot discern any incongruity in affirming that this Book belongs to them also; and gives an Account of God’s Providence toward them; especially upon their Return. [Return Return, O Shulamite! Return Return!] But, let us see what is laid in against their Claim.

Ambitu suo Gentes] The Church consists not of Gentiles only. The four Quarters of the World with all their Furniture, make the Apocalyptical Stage: and in every one of these are the dispersed Jews to be found. Eodem (ni fallor) factunt &c. ] If there be not Room enough in Rev. 10. 11. to entertain the Jews, I cannot imagine any thing large enough to comprehend them.

Sed omnium maxime illud confirmat Parabolæorum Symbolorumque propheticorum in hoc Libro indoles atque ingenium; in quibus nemen passim observare licet, Judæos, sive synagogam Israeliticam, Personam Veræ Christi Ecclesiæ ex Gentibus surrogatæ, sustinere: Gentes contra, typum Idolatarum, eiusmodemque Ecclesiæ hostium; &c. Atqui in ea Prophetia ubi Gens Israelitica alienam personam sustinet; ibi suam ipsius gestare nullo modo verisimile est: quandoquidem illud fieri nequit, quin totius Parabolæ ratio conturbaretur, &c. Rev. Jacob’s Posterity from this Privilege, is to argue perversely. Our Saviour doth not deny Nathanael to be a Jew, by pronouncing him an Israelite indeed. The Revelation doth not so much regard what Nation a man is of: but whether he be a follower of the LAMB, or no. For he is not a Jew Of the New Heaven upon the New Earth 32 Of the New Heaven upon the New Earth 33 Pocalypsis codex est fatorum ecclesiæ Gentium, non Judæorum. Habent enim Judæi de suo &c. neque nostra ulla-tenus opus habent. Hinc adeo sit ut tantillum &c. ] The Jews are not mentioned by the by only; but directly, and on purpose; as in the beginning of the nineteenth chapter. And that which is last accomplished, is firstly and chiefly designed by the Efficient. I will be their GOD, and they shall be my People. Is the most Great, and Glorious, and All that can be said. Whatever else is spoken, must be only in explanation of this; or it will be perfectly blasphemous Nonsense. Upon which consideration, me thinks tantillum, and Sponsa AGNI, do not stand well together in the same chapter. However, we are beholden to this great and worthy Author, for his concurrent Testimony, that the Jews are the People intended in the sixteenth, and nineteenth Chapters. Pari ratione] May it not with more, or equal strength be argued, New Jerusa-
lem is not the same with Jerusalem; but as Jerusalem was to the westward of Babylon, so New-Jerusalem must be to the westward of Rome; to avoid disturbance in the Order of these Mysteries. If we might be allowed to take Mr. Mede's words as they seem to sound at the first hearing; they would signify no less; “New-Jerusalem is not the whole Church; but the “Metropolis thereof, and of the New World. Ezek. 20. p. 944. The thirty seventh of Ezekiel treateth of the Marriage of the LAMB. Therefore it seemeth probable that the thirty eight Chapter treateth of the same Gog and Magog that John doth; the same Order being kept in both places. If Ezekiel have some respect to former Enemies; that doth not hinder, but that this might be the ultimat and principal Aim of the Prophesie. The Reverend, Learned and Holy Mr. John Cotton, had much of the meaning of this mysterious Book shewed him by Christ, as a Blessing upon his much Prayer and Study, in order to his Exposition of the same in his weekly Lecture at Boston in New-England. He hath written thus, “This Gog cannot be Gyges, nor Antiochus Epiphanes. This Gog in Ezekiel, is “the same with this Gog in the Text. For 1. Gog in Ezekiel is foretold (when he shall come) to be the “same whom the Prophets of old spake of, Ezek. 38. 17. 2. Gog in Ezekiel, cometh after the “Resurrection and Reunion of Judah and Israel, Ezek. 37. Throughout. And upon his Destruction, “Ezekiel seeth a Vision of a glorious Church of the Jews, Chapt. 40. To the end of the Book. So “doth this Gog arise up to fight against the Holy, after the first Resurrection of the Churches of Jews “and Gentiles. And after his Destruction, “doth the New-Jerusalem come down out of Heaven, “Chapt. 21. to the end of the Book.

“When the Saints and Witnesses of Jesus Christ have enjoyed the Liberty, Purity, and Authority of Church Government, for the space of a Thousand Years, after the Destruction of Antichrist; “Satan will again find Liberty and Power to deceive the Nations, Princes and People, in great “multitudes, to war against the Church; especially against Jerusalem. V. 7, 8, 9. Taken out of a “Manuscript of Mr. Cotton's own Hand-writing, p. 34, 36. Mr. Greenhill upon Ezek. 38, 5, 6. p. 496. Observes, From all quarters of the World there be Enemies ready to combine and all with Gog.

&c. Those of the East, comprehended under Persia; those of the South, intended under Ethiopia; those of the West, included in Libya; and those of the North, contained under Gomer, and the house of Togarmah, were all at the beck of Gog, to go against Jerusalem, the Servants, and Worship of God therein.

Ex quo autem hominum genere Hostis hic novissimus. . . . Ex gentibus in opposito nobis Hemisphæria, quas Deus Opt. Max. occulto suo judicio, maximam partem, nunquam sit Evangelij sui lumine perfusurus.

Moses, Deut. 29. 29. speaking, for ought I know, of the unparalleled Providences awaiting the aboriginal Natives of America, shuts up all with that solemn and silencing Ax-

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speak some Hebrew. “Now God driveth us to both Indians,
not for Pepper, and Tabacco: but in time, to shew his Name.
And the Jesuists, in teaching the Holy Trinity, Person, and
Justice of Christ, may save many. Mr. Daniel Rogers, Mr.
Mede's Tutor, a Man of vast Parts, writeth favourably of
the New-English Plantations in America, and ariseth a
Note higher, in expressing his hopes of the Conversion of
the Natives, Who can, or dare deny, but that the calling of those
Americans to the knowledge of the Truth, may seem a weighty
Occasion to expect from God the gift of Miracles? Naaman &c.
p. 6, 169. Mr. Henry Scudder, a solid & fruitful Divine; in
opening those words in the Lords Prayer, Our Father which
art in Heaven, p. 117, 118. hath this Use, “Whereas we read
and hear of much People "both in Asia, and America, that
worship and pray unto the very Devil, not with inward wor-
ship only (for if these only, did so, it were happy with many
that are called christians) but with outward “worship also:
The we cannot speak to them, to reclaim them of this devil-
ish Idolatrie; yet in “compassion we should speak to God for
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“Truth and Gospel, to discover their Sin unto them, and to
recover them out of the snare of the “Devil, who holdeth
them captive at his will. I do urge this the rather, because I
am perswaded, that “when al Israel shall be called namely,
when the two Sticks prophesied of by Ezekiel, shall be joined
"into One Stick: when, as the Apostle saith, All Israel shall
be saved which State of theirs, v. 15. he “calleth a receiv-
ing of Life from the dead: When this shall come to pass,
I doubt not but Many of “those deceived souls, which yet
never heard of the Gospel (except by Papists, who make them
“whom they convert, thrice more the children of the Devil,
than before) shall have part in the same “Resurrection: Let
us therefore pray for them.

Having seen these three Worthies thus pleasing and
wrestling for the New World; as also Dr. Ames, and Mr.
Nicholas Estwicke, as far as I can gather, a well wisher there-
unto: Rememering too that they were all, of, Christ-College
in Cambridge, it gives me occasion to say,
of Power, that they might be fit Instruments for carrying the Gospel into those remote Parts; and speaks thus of it, 

Non mediocres, meo quidem judicio, opere pretium suit, ubi nullas omnia terras esse credidit antiquitas, iti inter tot gentes antea incognitum CHRISTI nomen vel perperam audiri & celebrari. Histor. lib. 1. p. 10. F. But to leave other American Plantations, it is certainly known, That the Disciples of CHRIST have, for these Seventy seven Years, constantly and publicly preached the everlasting Gospel in New-England in America, and have kept his Sabbaths. It should seem Mr. Estwick had alleged the Conversion of some Americans, by Mr. Mede's Reply, March, 22. 1655. Epist. 69. p. 1034. But the New-Englanders have not yet converted one; the Spaniards have, but unto Antichrist, not to Christ: and the Story of their Conversion is such as may make a man justly suspect there hath scarce yet been even a true Christian of that Race! It is a received Maxim, that into whatsoever place Jesus Christ sendeth the Gospel of Grace; in that Place, He hath People to be saved. And who can certainly fix the Moment when Christ shall begin this mysterious Work? At the date of this Letter, sixteen Years were run out, after Christ began to settle his Abode here. And I presume the Negative testimony of a Person three Thousand miles off the Place concerned, will not obtain much credit with equal Judges. Especially, remembering that the 43rd Epistle begins thus, Concerning our Plantations in the American World, I wish them as well as any body: tho I differ from them far; both in other things, and the grounds they go upon. Neither can I believe, that the Captain of our Salvation hath landed his Forces here, to disturb and vex Satan only;* but to fight with him in good Earnest, and break his Head. It is remarkable what Mr. Nathanael Morton relates of one Squanto an Indian, in his New England's Memorial, p. 35, 40. "He proved a special Instrument "sent of God for the good of the English, and was their Interpreter; directed them in planting of their Corn; where to Fish; and was also their Pilot to bring them to unknown places; and never left there "till his death. He was a Native of this place where Plimouth is, and scares any left besides him. "The great Sachem Massasoit sought his life; which caused him to stick close to the English. Being "on

of a more correct Edition were printed Anno 1685.
Congregations may be compared to a piece of a Pomegranate within the Locks of the New-English Church. To the many printed Testimonies of Mr. John Eliot; Father, and Son, Mr. Thomas Makew, Mr. Henry Whitfield, and others; one manuscript Evidence may be added. Major Daniel Cooke, a Person of known Integrity; who tho he were an Assistant, yet disdained not to accept the Government of the Indians, and was very conversant with them; both at Cambridge, and at their own homes, for many Years together. Anno 1674. He writ a Treatise thereabout; which he entituled, *INDIANS CONVERTED.* In the 64th page, is this Passage, "For my own part, I have no doubt; but am fully satisfied, according to judgement of "Charity, that divers of them do fear God, and are true Believers. Well then, as to the Massachusetts; Triumphant Whitaker’s Hypothesis is happily made a Thesis; Scripturæ intelligunt, Dominus illis suum Spiritum dedit."

*Cujus finitus Judæorum illa per omnes Gentes dispersio conclutitur*] It is well known what Swarms of Jews did dwell in Spain, especially, from the times of Adrian the Emperor. But in the Year 1492. Ferdinand and Isabel, King and Queen of Castile, made an Edict, whereby all Jews, which inhabited in Castile, or Leon, were enjoined to turn to the Christian Religion, and to be baptized within three Moneths; on pain of having their Goods confiscat, and perpetual Banishment. By this means the miserable People were brought into Great Perplexity. The most religious of them took counsel in the three moneths space of delay before they were to leave the Country; and found means to send away their Money and chief Goods out of Spain, wherein they were aided by many honest-minded Christians; who did help to hide them. Others, who valued their ease, Native-Country, and Goods, above all other matters; were baptised, and made profession of the Christian Religion. And in process of time, the noble Families of Spain allied themselves by Marriage, to that Race. Grimeston, Hist. Spain, p. 946, 947. This was called the great Dispersion. One hundred and two and twenty Thousand Families were driven out of Spain: and were forbidden to return, upon pain of forfeiting both Estate and Life. *Memini hujus exilij Dav. Gans P. 1. pag. 60. b vocat Ejectionem magnam; qua innumeris Solum, plurimi etiam Religionem mutarint. Scribit, Calamitatem illius temporis ne quidem exprimi poss. Plura habent Scheh. Jehuda, p. 38, 39, 40. Hottinger. De Judaismo, p. 914. Eodem illo Anno, Hebræos universos, quorum ingens & infinitus prope numerus erat, Hispaniæ finibus excedere jussit. Et ut Hereticos, Manseros, et Hebræorum reliquias e suo regno penitus evelleret, sanctumquisitionis officium instituit. Hispan. Illustrat. P. 1188."

The very same Year, 1492. Christopher Columbus found out the New World for Castile and Leon. And altho the New World was not yet made ready for the Entertainment of the ejected Jews; or else the Jews were not yet fit to dwell in a place of their Own; Yet considering the Synchronisme of this Banishment, and Discovery; with the marvellous Perplexity the distressed Outcasts were in, not knowing whither to go: As also the great Gain that this Navigation afforded; the hopes some might conceive of managing themselves more safely with their feigned Religion, which they had not proved, in a remote Place, than at home: Considering also the mixture of those Nations by Inter-Marriages, and that the greatest and best part of America is peopled by Spaniards, and Portugals: It is not improbable, but many Jews may reside there, tho covered with a Spanish Vail. Manafieb Ben Israel, Downam, Thorowgood, Eliot, and others were of Opinion that America was first peopled by the Ten Tribes. God’s removing Israel out of his sight, is no less than three times mentioned; which may insinuate the Remoteness of that Land, into which God by his Providence intended to cast them. And none was so remote, and so much out of sight, as America. Mr. Greenbi think it is no Hæresie to say, Christ meant the Ten Tribes, John, 10. 16. Alluding to Ezek. 37. 22, 24. cap. 37. p. 462. If it be no Hæresie to say, the Ten Tribes are the Sheep. Why should it be accounted Hæresie to say, America is the distinct Fold there implied? For Christ doth not affirm that there shall be one Fold; but that there shall be ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD! But however it might be when Mr. Mede writ, Now it is manifest to all, that very considerable Numbers of Jews are seated in the New World; where they merchandize, have their Synagogues, and places of Burial. At Spike’s in Barbados, there is a Street called Jews Street; the most live at the Bridge, an there is the Burying Place for both Towns. At Ja-

1492. 2 Kings 17. v. 18, 20, 23.
maica there are a great many; and Port-Royal also hath its Jews Street; by the same Token, that the Formidable Earthquake left that standing: tho their Synagogue, which stood in another Street, was thrown down by it. This Earthquake happened upon the Third day of the Week, about a Quarter of an hour before Noon; being the Seventh of June, 1692. A very great Treasure of Merchandise, and of Silver and Gold, then perished. Many Houses were swallowed up; others thrown down; at the Point, and over the Island; specially such as were built of Stone and Brick. A very fair Church at Port-Royal, and other newly built at Ligania, were turned into heaps of Rubbish. The Church at the Spanish Town, was broken to pieces. The Rocks, and High Mountains could not withstand its Force; but they also being touchd, did smoke: In a moment, they lost all their Verdure, and many cubits of their Stature. Near Two Thousand Persons died; whole Families being swallowed up together. This Loss was in a manner, peculiar to the Point, very few comparatively, being slain in other parts of the Island. Some of New-England were there left with the destroying Angel: Others were taken into Protection; who, with a grateful Remembrance of God’s distinguishing Favour towards them, have given me the substance of this Account. Upon this occasion, the Prodigious Earthquakes of Lima, in Peru, of Sicilia, and Naples, might be mentioned: but that the Digression would seem too long. Only it may be noted, that they are all Spanish: and that there was but the distance of seven Moneths between this of Jamaica, and the most Dreadful EARTHQUAKE of Sicilia. For that was sent in January following, upon the Lord’s day, being New-Years day, according to the Julian Account. To return to the Jews; There are several Families of them at New-York, and New-England is seldom wholly without them. Now there are two at Boston, viz. Mr. Joseph Frazon, and Samuel Frazon, his brother, to whom I am beholden for a sight of the Spanish Bible. Joseph Frazon was sometime Scholar to the learned Yeosua Da Sylva, in London. They acquaint me, that the Jews were formerly very numerous in the Dutch Plantations in Brasil: their Father and Grandfather did dwell there. Olinda was taken by the Dutch, Anno 1629. how soon the Jews followed them thither, I am not certain. But upon the Surrender of those Places to the Portugals, they were dispersed. Yet at Suranam, and Curasso, there are plenty of them still. Probably, these Jews will be converted, before any great Numbers of the Indians, shall I say, or Israelites be brought in. That that ancient Prophecy may be fulfilled, Zech. 12. 7. The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah First, that the glory of the house of David, and the glory of the Inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnifie themselves against Judah. To be for some time defrauded and deprived of her Husband, was Rachel disgrace and grief; which was renewed and multiplied by Barrenness after her enjoyment of him. Gen. 30.1. And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister. But when the Times of Refreshing by the New Jerusalem, shall come, Joseph shall take away his Mothers Reproach, and her Children shall be more & mightier than her Sisters. Insomuch that there will be need of the forementioned Expedient, to keep the balance. Isa. 11. 13. The Envie also of Ephraim shall depart, and the Adversaries of Joseph shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. Isa. 54. 1. Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear: Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate, than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. That America hath been desolate and unmarried for innumerable Ages, is a most sad and awfull Truth: That she may now receive Jesus Christ as her Husband; will be the desire and Prayer of all that favour the dust of Zion.

Ceteraque Prophetarum Oracula adimpleta ] To strive to exclude America from having any concernment in Mat. 24. 14. Luke. 24. 47. & Act. 1. 8. Or, to go about to prove that these Scriptures had their Accomplishment in the New World, before the Spanish Discovery: is to give learned Bellarmin the better end of the Staff. De Romano Pon. lib. 3. cap. 4. In this Encounter, Whitaker himself is nearer a Foil, than Triumph. An Papa sit Antichristus, p. 663, 664. Yet the Cardinal mistakes in placing this before the coming of Antichrist: There is no colour for that; no more than there is to imagine that the prevailing Rage of Antichrist, in the Three Days & Half, can comprise his Beginning, and total Duration. However, ‘tis a ridiculous thing for learned men with their cockle shells to pretend to lade the Ocean dry.
The Time therefore is to come: do you long for it, and pray for it, &c. p. 5. Doct. Some men that live under the purest, and the most powerful Ordinances, are, in Judgement, given up unto a perpetual Barrenness. p. 12. According to Mr. Strong answers his Name) If the Waters flow only in Asia, Africa, and Europe; yet still, Universum will come off maimed: If they reach America also; the Barrier Solum will by them be removed. And it is most certain, that they are running in the New World; and I believe, as certain, that they will never cease to run there: but will rise higher and higher, until they become a Very Long, and Broad, and Deep RIVER. Because the People that are planted by them, begin to be placed under the Influences of that New National Covenant, Jer. 31. 31. and Heb. 8. 8.

Known unto the Lord are all his Works; and no doubt but He hath spoken of them in his Word; which Word abides for ever. So that what cometh to pass in the New World, must be referred to some Prophesie. And to make America to be the whole, and only Object of the Curses denounced against Gog and Magog, and to shut them out from all Promised Blessings, is altogether Unscriptural and Unreasonable.

Universum & Solum ] A quo Warranto may well be brought against this Charter without any danger of the Imputation of Arbitrary or illegal Proceeding. Both parts may safely be denied.

Universum ] Many times the place most given to Salt, is very near to that which is most Fruitful. All the Children of Israel had Light in their Dwellings; when all the rest of Egypt were under the confinement of thick Darkness. How many barren Heaths are there in fruitful England; which from Age to Age, do affront and baffle all the Wit and Industry of the Nation! How often hath it Rained this Summer, upon one Town; and not upon another: tho not twenty miles off! In Hungarie, and Greece, Mosques, and Christian Churches are to be found in the same City. The 18th of the Revelation gives us ground to expect, that Babylon will not be favoured with the Privileges of Christ's Kingdom: For it shall become the habitation of Devils, and the hold of every foul Spirit, and a cage of every Unclean and hateful bird. Alcasar thinks the Scripture intends mysticas feras, & mysticas hubones, & inferorum volucres. p. 765. They that dwell at Rome after the pouring out of the Seventh Vial, shall have nothing in them that is good and desirable; neither really, nor in the Opinion of other men: but the various Qualities of them all, shall be cursed, and hateful. Unless an absolute Desolation be intended in the last verses of that Chapter.

Solum ] It is generally concluded from those words, Come out of her my People, that a little before the pouring out of the Seventh Vial; a Remnant of the Lamb's Followers shall be found in Rome. Why may we not as well hope that God hath reserved Saints in Mexico, & other places of America? Our being without the certain knowledge of it, is no more than what befell Elijah, Rom. 11. 4. Mr. Strong, in his Sermon upon Ezek. 47. 11. speaks thus, The Times to which this Prophesie relates, are the Times of the Calling of the Jews: p. 3.
Hemisphere of the Earth, inhabited by any Antipodes. And this "proceeded from no other ground, but the Vulgar opinion, that the Southern Hemisphere of the Earth "was not inhabited by Lixing men, as our Northern is. Insumuch that some of the heathen Atheists, "finding the contrary to be True by the discourse of right Reason; endeavoured to persuade "themselves from thence, that there was no such place as Hades at all. Esse autem ignus inferna Regionis, vastaque Abyssi iconas piues, beatit Johanni, Apocalypsi docemur. &c. Hilar. in Psalm. 2. fol. 139. A. It should seem that according to St. Hilary, and Ussher, Revelation 5. 13. taketh in America. For every Creature Under the Earth, and such as are in the Sea, are brought in saying, Blessing, Honour, Glory and Power be unto him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. This Implantment seems to be a Demonstration that God would Create a New Heaven in the New World. There is no manner of difference betwixt the lower Hemisphere of the Earth, and that wherein we live. p. 342. Mr. Hugh Sanford in a Learned Treatise DE DESCENSIU &c. printed at Amsterdam, 1611. (which work was carried on and perfected by Mr. Robert Parker,* a man of great Learning and Piety) hath spoken much to the same purpose. Inde locus factus est fabule, Solem, cum ecritur, ab Oceano surgere. & in Oceani aquis ardentem rotam tringere, cum occidit. Ino non fabulis tantum jacatum istud: sed in historias ejusmodi conjunctum,videre licet & ridere. p. 61. This gave occasion to that Fable of the Suns coming up out of the Sea, when it riseth: and of plunging the flaming Chariot in the Ocean, at Sun setting. Yea, we may look and laugh, to see that this should not only be tossed to & fro in Romances; but that it should also be stuffed into histories. Sic antiqua scrutantur, referent Inferos ad Spherae rationem, inquit Servius: sic ut Antipodes nobis Inferi; nos illis. lib. 2. pag. 63, 64, 132. Wherefore, I hope our honoured Mother will not account it undutifull or indecent for me to say, The Inhabitants of Boston in Lincoln-Shire are no less Inferi to us than the Inhabitants of Boston in New-England are to them. Nevertheless, I freely Acknowledge, that as Christopher Columbus called the first Land he discovered, St. SAUITUR: So, many Things alleged by Cardinal Bellarmin and others, about the Descent into Hell; are wonderfully suited to the going of Christ Jesus into America. Christus fuit in Inferno Liber, & Liberator aliorum. Non autem vocatur pœna si Rex invisat Carcerem, ut aliquos liberet: sed vocatur Dignatio & Humilitas Bellarm. de Christi Anima, lib. 4. cap. 16. col. 462. For Philipp. 2. 10. and Zech. 9. 11 see cap. 10. col. 446. & cap. 11. col. 447. Isa. 45. 22, 23, 24, 25. Rom. 14. 11. The truth is, there is so much Confusion in the discourses upon this subject, that a man cannot tell when he is in Heaven, and when he is in Hell. Tunc enim Paradisum Triumphator ascendit, cum ad Inferos penetravit: Philo Carpathiorum Episc. In Cant. 6. apud Usser. p. 350. Margin. Some learned Protestants do observe there is no determinat mention made either of ascending, or descending: and that the words literally interpreted, import no more but this; HE WENT UNTO THE OTHER WORLD. p. 372. Now the New World, the Valley of Baca was the doleful Receptacle of Ungodly and Christless Men, perfectly exposed to the Craft and Cruelty of Evil Angels. So near an Approach to; so compleat a Resemblance of Hell, was not elsewhere to be found in rerum natura. JESUS CHRIST came hither to Visit this Prison, to Preach to the miserable Prisoners; and, in spight of their sirly Jaylor, to Say, Go forth: to them that are in Darkneß, Shew your selves. Isaiah, 49. 9. Parker de Descensu. lib. 4. p. 133. If we turn to Zech. 9. 11. Mr. Bulkeley on the Gospel-Covenant, shews that the Prophesie belongs to this Time; and the words immediately foregoing, demonstrate that it pertaineth to this Place; viz. the New World. Probably, Joseph was here in this Wilderness Pit, wherein was no Water. However, these Inhabitants were exactly in the circumstances of Joseph; out of which they could by no means get; being Prisoners there; or Persons bound, as the word signifies: which is the Indian way of Imprisoning. In this Valley of the shadow of death, under invincible Ignorance, they did live and walk. They had no Gospel, no Publication of the Saving Grace of God in Jesus Christ; not so much as any Fame or rumor of it; which might set the most ready and athletick Industry on work. The Natives are also much addicted to Forts and Castles, as they call them; which are ineffectuall to preserve them from Slaughter. Our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ offers them a Cure of this Vanity, and adviseth them to turn to Him, as to an impregnable
mala opera fuerat abusus; fecitque vasa Utilia Domino. Basilius & alii apud Parkerum, p. 106. Christless Men and Women are Satans Goods. And Christ bindes Satan, by Unbinding them. And divides this Spoil to this and the other valiant and faithful Captain, and private Souldier; according to his Sovereign good Pleasure. This Captain General will make thorow Work of it; He will not take this house, and enter into it & take a little Plunder, and then leave it: but He will spoil Satan's House, so as for ever to preclude him from returning thether again, to play Rev., as he had done before. Let it be remembred, that I go not about to exclude other parts of the World: but to shew that the Americans are at this Time, very Emphatically Concerned: Their Redeemer is Strong, the LORD of Hosts is his Name, He shall thorowly plead their cause, that he may give Rest to the Land, and quiet the inhabitants of Babylon. Jeremiah, 50. 34.

Igne cœlitus perdendas, justo, licet ignoto nobis, judicio reservatum iri ] What a Pity it is, that because the American Mulbery trees are not so early in putting forth as some other: therefore they must all presently be condemned to the Fire! See the First Resurrection is near at hand; it was better to wait a little, and see what God will do for them therein. For we are certain that if they have a part given them in the first Resurrection, they will not be obnoxious to the mentioned Judgment. In orbis nostri meditullio sitæ] The situation of Jerusalem is not so Central; but that a Voyage may be made from London, to Mexico, in as little time, as from London, to Jerusalem. In that respect, If the New World should be made the seat of New-Jerusalem, if the City of the Great KING should be set on the Northern side of it: Englishmen would meet with no Inconvenience thereby; and they would find this Convenience; that they might visit the Citizens of New-Jerusalem, and their Countrymen, all under one. As they go thether, Barbados stands advanced three hundred Leagues Eastward, ready to meet them with a Welcom to the New World. And Jamaica is posted just in the way, to invite them thether, or to salute them in their passing by, and to pilot them to St. Juan de Ulva, if there be occasion. When homeward bound, Providence will firstly take care of them; and after that, they will have their Countrymen to friend all along shoar. Solitary Bermudas will

be overjoyed, if they happen to touch there. And if in that Latitude, any Captain shall command, Helm a-Starboard, on purpose to visit our New-English Tirzahs, they will be met with answerable Respect; & mutual Kindness shall render the Congress happy. Yea, if the spending of a Mast, or springing of a Leak, do oblige them to such a Diversion, the Pleasantness of the Effect, in bringing good Company together, shall help to qualify the bitterness of the Cause. Ad cujus minimum fines, Regnum Christi portensum iri, testantur Prophetam oracula. This word minimum contains in it the most Light for America, of any one in the whole Chapter.

The worthy Author seems here to begin to relent. By this means being fairly got without the Invisible walls of the Imperial Prison, and expatiating as far as Japan, and the Cape of Good Hope; I know nothing should hinder, but that we may from thence take Shipping for the New World. As for Psalm, 72. 8. and Isa. 49. 6. they are summoned to speak on our side. And there are no less than Six times Three very Credible Witnesses, who have given their Affidavit, that the Conversion of American Indians is an Accomplishment of those glorious Prophesies. Their Testimony is to be seen at large in their Epistle set before a Book published at London, in the Year 1652. entituled, Strength out of Weakness. Or a Glorious MANIFESTATION of the further Progress of the GOSPEL AMONGST THE INDIANS IN NEW ENGLAND. &c.

The Epistle is as followeth;

Christian Reader, These ensuing Letters do represent unto thee, and to the Churches, the Outgoings of Christ, as a Light to the Gentiles, that the Grace which brings Salvation, hath appeared unto them also in the furthest parts of the Earth, for the accomplishment of that ancient and glorious Promise; I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayst be my salvation to the End of the earth. Isa. 49. 6. &c. We have therefore thought fit to commend this great work of Christ unto the view of all the Saints, under the following Considerations. 1. Hereby the Kingdom of Christ is enlarged, and the Promise made unto him, in the Covenant between him and his Father, accomplished, his Dominion shall be from Sea to Sea, & from the Flood unto the Worlds End. Therefore his design is upon all the Kingdoms of the Earth, that he may take possession of them for Himself. They shall all become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, Rev. 11. 15. And the Kingdom, & Dominion under the whole Heaven, being so possessed by Christ, shall be given to the People of the Saints of the most High, Dan. 7. 18, 27 &c. 2. The glorious Gospel of Christ is hereby Propagated, &c. 3. Hereby the Souls of men are rescued out of the snare of the Devil, in which they were before held captive by him at his will, &c. 4. Hereby the fulness of the Gentiles draweth near to be accomplished, that the Calling of the Jews may be hastened. &c. The first Conversion of the Gentiles in its fulness makes way for the coming in of the Jews, the Kings of the East. &c.

5. That the LORD hath blessed the labours of our Brethren, who were driven out from among us. A gracious heart, as he prays for, so he cannot but rejoice in the success of other mens labours, as well as his own. So the work which is Gods, may prosper, whoever be the Instrument; 'tis enough to him. &c. 6. This we hope may be but the First fruits of those great Nations unto Christ. The Lord doth not usually cause to bring forth, and then shut the womb, Isaiah, 66. 9. Let no man despise the day of small things: The Lord hath opened a great door, which we hope Satan shall never be able anymore to shut. &c.

This we humbly offer unto all those that love the Lord JESUS in sincerity; and remain

Thine in the furtherance of the Gospel,

Lazarus Seaman. William Bridge.  
John Owen. Simeon Ashe.  
Edm: Calamy. Sidrach Simpson.  
Joseph Caryl. William Strong.  
George Griffith. Ralph Venning.
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For if the condition of the New World be in this respect, Inferiour; yet I hope, it will be so Good, that the Better shall not be envied; but Letters superscride, In quatuor angulis terræ, I n the four Quarters of the World, Asia, Africa, Europe, America. East, West, North, and South; saith Mr. Cotton, MSS. p. 33. Phrasi repetita ex cap. 7. 1. hoc est, univero Christianismo per omnes mundi partes dilatato: Ubique enim grassabitur apostasia; sed magis in Oriente & Occidente, ubi apices erunt imperii, & Parenis, col. 111. To suppose that America should not at all be containd in Rev. 7. 1. and that all America, and no other part of the World beside, should be expressed by the very same words, Rev. 20. 8. Is to me a perfect Riddle; which I can by no means expound. And it seems Parenis never dream’d of any such thing. Gog et Magog sunt Nationes parentes Turcico imperio, Brightm. p. 678. 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tis valde conveniunt quæ commemorat Antonius Galvanus, generosæ stirpis Lusitanus (qui diu apud Indos Moluccenses cum potestate fuerat) in ubello quodam suo de novarum terrarum Inventoribus Anglice a Richardo Hackluiuo nostro recens edito; nimirum Tabencos (quæ vocat) seu Chinenses vehementer confirmare, esse omnium primos in longinquas Orbis regions navibus traciscse; cumque sint totius Tartariae gens illustrissima, se maxime partici Scythiae olim fuisse dominatos. Insuper ait, prorius credibile videri a chinensibus hisce, Tartarise aut Scytholis Orientalibus reperiant fuisse Columbinam, et incolis repletam. Nam nationes ejus et moribus vivendique ratione & corporis totius filo, videlicet parvis oculis, paribus similes, alisque proprietaribus, persimiles sunt Chinensisbus. Utut hoc crat, satis tamen apertum est illud, Americanos, seu Colombinos primos et terra Japhetica, i.e. tractu hoc Septentrionali, in regionem illam longe amplissimam verque Novum Orbem concesiisse, ac sequentibus seculis ulterius etiam vel sua sponte vel pulsos a finitimis fortioribus, superato freto Magellanico, in climata Australi Polico virina processisse. Nihil enim impeditbat; cum fretum illud mire angustum sit, utpote unius alicubi & perpaucarum alibi Leucarum, teste omni Expectione majore nobilissimo Navarcho nostro Francisco Draco, primatius ordinis Equestris viro, qui idipsum totum perstravitis. Quamobrem QUANDOQUIDEM ad Europam, Septentrionalis &c. &c. tractum Novus Orbis veluti immensiæ magnitudinis auctarium accessit, et Japhetio posteriisque ejus jure hereditario in perpetuum possessionem obtigit, negari non potest perfecte atque absolute impletam esse proemitial Patriarchae benedictionem, et Japhetum verissime sic nominatum ut cui dilataveris, h.e. vastissimum planeque stupenda amplitudinis spatium, duplicitis portionis instar, non parce & restricte, sed largissime effusissimeque admensae, concesserit Deus.

These are the Sentiments of Mr. Nicolas Fuller concerning the New World, and them that dwell therein; both as to what is past, and to come. If they do but outlive the springing of this Mine, they are like to be out of danger of any further design this Chapter hath upon them. This learned Man, agreeable to his great Ingenuity, endeavours to do Columbus the Justice, as to eternize his Honour, by engrav-
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much Candor, I take leave of the worthy Author, as to this Controversy. But I would not separate Mr. Nicholas Fuller from Dr. Thomas Fuller, for Names sake. Amongst many of his pleasant and profitable Writings, there is his Holy State, the 16th Chapter treating of Plantations, hath this passage in the close of it; "I am confident that America (tho the "youngest Sister of the four) is now grown marriage-able, and daily hopes to get Christ to her "Husband, by the preaching of the Gospel. This makes me attentively to listen after some Protestant "First-fruits, in hope the Harvest will ripen afterwards.

Lift up your heads, O ye Gates [of Columbia] and be ye lift up, ye Everlasting Doors, and the KING of Glory shall come in.

This SCRIPTURE would have made a most desirable & pleasant Conclusion of this small disquisition: but that the Reader may expect to see what Renowned Dr. Twisse hath written in compliance with the forementioned Conjecture: because every one is not so happy as to be Owner of Mr. Mede’s Works.

It seems Dr. Twisse did at first, keck and strain at our Authors Millennium, as to the proper and personal Resurrection of the Saints. To facilitate the swallowing of it, Mr. Mede sent him his Conjecture inclosed in a Letter dated January, 31. 1634. "I perceive what it is that most “pincheth you in the Millenarian Prophecy; to wit, that of Gog and Magog. Wherefore I send you “inclosed herewith, my Conjecture thereof &c. This is the first appearance of it, that I remember: and was in manuscript probably, by the care to return it again speedily. But it may make an Inhabitant of Columbia rather question the Truth of such a Millennium, than confirm him in the belief of it; if it require such Aid. Dr. Twisse’s Answer to this Letter, bears date the 2d of March next following, out of which I have transcribed the Paragraph that chiefly concerns the Conjecture, which is as followeth; NOW, I beseech you let me know what your Opinion is of our English Plantations in the New-World. Hencefore I
have wondered in my thoughts at the Providence of God concerning that World, not discovered till this Old World of ours is almost at an end: and then no footsteps found of the knowledge of the True God; much less of Christ. And then considering our English Plantations of late, and the Opinion of many grave Divines, concerning the Gospel’s fleeing Westward; sometimes I have had such thoughts; Why may not that be the Place of NEW JERUSALEM? But you have handsomely and fully cleared me from such odd conceits. But what? I pray, shall our English there degenerate and jom themselves with Gog and Magog? We have heard lately divers ways, that our people there, have no hope of the Conversion of the Natives. And the very Week after I received your last Letter, I saw a Letter written from New-England, discounting of an impossibility of subsisting there, and seems to prefer the Confession of God’s Truth in any condition here in Old England, rather than run over to enjoy their liberty there; yea and that the Gospel is like to be more dear in New-England, then in Old; and lastly, unless they be exceeding careful, and God wonderfully merciful; they are like to lose that life and zeal for God and his Truth, in New-England, which they enjoyed in Old; as whereof they have already wofull experience, and many there feel it to their smart. Epist. 42. p. 979.

The Work of God in carrying the New English Colonies over the Great & wide Sea, and Transplanting them in America, was a very direct and positive Answer to that Boast of the Papists; Heresies autem Lutheranorum nunquam transierunt Mare: The Lutheran Heresies did never cross the Seas. Bellarmin. de Amplitudine Eccl. lib. 4. cap. 7. The Opposition hereby made to the Unexpected Accessions to Antichrist, in the New World; bring to mind a Verse of the late Learned and Laborious President of Harvard College, Mr. Charles Chauncy,

*If Forty-two stand steadfast in the West,*

*Then Forty-two is Babel’d in the East.*

The Author was so mighty in the Scriptures, so Pious, and such a great Master of Languages; that his Conjecture concerning Babel deserves Credit: and with the good leave of his Learned Sons, I take the Verse to be reciprocally True; and will venture to say,

*If Forty two be Babel’d in the East,*

*Then Forty-two stands steadfast in the West.*

It may be hoped that Christ will be so far from quitting what He hath already got in New England, that He will sooner enlarge his Dominion, by bringing on a glorious Reformation in New Spain; and so making the New World deserve the significant Name of Columbina: Of which Mr. Thomas Gage hath given us a good Omen, in his successful Zeal exercised in Mixco near Guatemala, about the Year 1635. Our Countryman having by long and diligent Search, found out a Pagan Idol (a Statue of Wood) in a dark Wilderness Cave; caused it to be privately conveyed to the Church on the Lord’s Day, and hid in the Pulpit. Out of Exod. 20. 3. He preached against Idolatry and Idols, which have eyes, and see not, &c. Sermon being ended, he set up the black starling Idol upon the Pulpit, in open view; and upbraided him sufficiently with his Nothingness, and inability to speak for, or defend himself: and then ordered him to be hewn in very small pieces, and to be cast into a fire of coals and burned in the midst of the Church, before a great Assembly. The Indians, called Fuentes, who had worshipped him, were surprised and confounded. The Spaniards cried out joyfully, Victor! Victor! Others repeated Gloria a nostro Dios, Glory to our God. New Survey &c. cap. 20. pag. 397. Their lady Mary not having any better eyes, to see; or ears, to hear; or tongue, to speak, than the course clownish Indian Idol had; let Ovid be admitted, on her behalf, to say,

Nomine mutato, Causa relata mea est.

*This was a singular Honour prepared by God for him.* And being chosen Deputy Gov. five times & fifteen times Governor: He very honorably discharged the Trust reposed in him; and of those Robes, & his Life together; March 15. 1664, 65.
of Kin to, and shall much resemble that City of GOD. But what should oblige Dr. Twisse to change his minde! It is most certain, that unless Christians be exceeding carefull, and GOD Wonderfully Mercifull, Religion in Europe must instantly Expire. As to America, He cannot, without great Reluctancy, give up his English Friends there: who differed from Mr. Mede, and agreed well with them in the Grounds upon which they went thither. But, as Epist. 70. p. 991.

The Doctor was so intirely taken up in Vindicating the Grace, Power, and Providence of God, as to their Intensive Nature: that, according to his singular Modesty, he fully submitted the Consideration of their Extensive, unto Mr. Mede, as more studied in Apocalypitical Mysteries. That these good Souldiers of Jesus Christ, prepared to endure hardship, should yet be surprized with Temptations; is no wonder. For Satan was here as in his House strongly Fortified, and well Moted in; was abundantly stored with Arms & Ammunition: Here he had his Head-Quarters, his Palaces; his Throne, kept his Court; exercised an Universal, Unlimited, Unquestioned Jurisdiction. Here were none shut up or left; not so much as one little town or single family that held it out. Nay, being in love with Bondage, they take up Arms against their Deliverer; and strive with all their might to continue the Tyrant in quiet Possession. Innumeri enim sunt laqueis ad illaqueandos homines: imo jam sibi mancipatos, compe-dibus variiis ita constringit; ut Servitutem cui addicti sunt, potius foveant, quam ad Libertatem nilo modo adsiprent. &c. Calvin, Harmon. in Mat. 12. 29. p. 157. He will not fail therefore to use all his Policy and Power, all his Methods and Stratagems of War against these Recruits, coming over to reinforce the Invasion of his Dominions. Old and experienced Souldiers may be wounded and worsted in particular Encounters; especially in great Expeditions that are New and Unusual. But if they are sensible of their wounds, and complain of the smart of them, by that we know for certain, that they are not slain. As it was once said of Jerusalem, so it may be now said of Babylon, in the sight and hearing of all their Anti-Christian and Pagan Armies; Thou hast smitten the whole Army of them that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, & burn this city with fire. Jer. 37. 10. For their Captain is not only Invincible, but Invulnerable; not liable to the least imaginable hurt or bruise. He will rally his Forces again, Neither will He draw them off: but keep the Field; and gain a compleat and decisive Victory: Lest otherwise some should surmise that the strong man was stronger than JESUS. As for their Hopes of Converting the Natives; Mr. COTTON’s Sentiments may be seen by a few clauses taken out of his Manuscript of the Revelation, Chapter, 6. 12. Doct. 1. A corrupt & false Religion, tho never so firmly established, universally received, and anciently continued: will come at length to be shaken, and abolished; and all the Professors and maintainers thereof, utterly ashamed and confounded. R. 2. From the Right of Christ to Inherit the whole Earth, and all the Nations in it. Psal. 2. 8, 9. Zech. 14. 9. U. 1. To expect the certain Ruine of all false Religions; Indian; Turkish, yea, and Popish too. Rev. 18. 21.

Rev. 12. 7, 8, 9. U. 1. To teach us to take up the like War against the gods of these Indians. ... We shall find the War difficult.

Rev. 15. 8. U. To teach us, Not to wonder at the backwardness of these Indians to be converted unto our Religion. It is here prophesied, they are not able, nor shall be able to enter till these Plagues are fulfilled.

2. Especially, Pray we for the Calling of the Jews. If the casting away of the Jews brought in Asia, and Europe (a great part of both) with some part of Africa: How much more shall their Conversion, which is their Fullness, bring in a greater Harvest of these three Parts of the World, and America besides?

Mr. Joseph Caryl, one of David’s Worthies beforementioned, speaks thus, “We have heard of the “First fruits, and Second fruits of India in New England, unto Christ: AND THESE ARE A FAIR “Assurance of a plentifull Harvest there, in due time. A blessed Foundation is laid; yea, the Building begins to appear above ground, in the visible Profession, or professed Subjection of many poor “Souls unto the Gospel of Christ. May we not therefore hopefully expect, that the Top Stone shall be “set up with a Shout of GRACE! GRACE! to it?” Epist. a further Account of the Progress of the Gospel amongst the Indians in New England, printed Anno 1660.
Mr. Richard Mather, part of whose Character is, strenuus Veritatis Assertor, being present when many Indians made their Confessions; hath given his Testimony concerning them, in such words as these; “The admitting them into any Churches of the English (for ought I know) might speedily be “done, and with much satisfaction, &c. Tho they be not combined into Church-Estate, there is so much of God’s Work amongst them; as that I cannot but account it a great Evil; yea, a great Injury “to God and his Goodness; for any to make light, or nothing of it. &c. Their whole Carriage, with “plenty of Tears trickling down the cheeks of some of them, did argue to us, that they spake with “much good Affection, and holy Fear of God: and it much affected our hearts. &c.

The Epistle begins thus; “THE Amplitude, and large Extent of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ upon “Earth, when the Heathen shall be his Inheritance, and the Uttermost parts of the Earth his “Possession, &c. is a thing plainly and plentifully foretold, & promised in the Holy Scriptures; Psalm. “2. 8. & 22. 27. & 72. 11. & 86. 9. Dan. 2. 35, 44, 45. & 7. 26, 27. Zech. 14. 9. &c. And to say no “more, the Lord’s marvellous Sovereignty and Liberty is to be observed, who till now of late, hath “seen met never to look after this People: but hath suffered them all this while to walk in their own “ways; ways of Sin, and ways of Death. Yea, and tho there have been Plantations of the English in “the Country now 20. Years, and more; yea, some a matter of. Years, or thereabout: Yet of all this “time (except some little workings in a few) no considerable work of Grace hath appeared amongst “the Indians, till now of late. So true is that Saying; The Times and Seasons, the Father hath put “them in his Own Power. Act. 1. 7. &c. This noble Epistle was dated at Dorchester, in New England; December, 15th 1672. Thus we see, these grave and great Divines did not despair of; but believe the Conversion of the Natives. And they lived to see the Dawning of that Joyfull Day. A Letter written by the honourable John Endicott Esq; then Governour, hath these passages in it; I esteem it not the least of God’s Mercies that hath stirred up the hearts of any of the people of God to be instrumental in the enlarging of the Kingdom of his dear Son, here amongst the heathen Indians: which was one End of our coming hither; and it is not frustrated. It was prophesied of old, and now begins to be accomplished, Psalm. 2. 8. The Foundation is laid; and such a one, that I verily believe, the gates of Hell shall never prevail against. &c. Boston; 8r 27. 1651. Take also the Testimony of holy Mr. William Leverich of Sandwich, who took much pains to espouse the Indians to Christ; not without good success.

Mr. John Oxenbridge, the late worthy Pastor of the first Church of Christ in Boston, while he dwelld at Suranam, was open his mouth for the Dumb by the Father of Spirits strongly pressed in his own Spirit, to which cannot speak for themselves, tho they greatly need it. Whereupon, with very pious Affection, and much diligent Reading He compiled a notable Treatise of a 254 Pages in Quarto, entituled, Of the New Heaven upon the New Earth.

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The Text is Rom. 15. 20, 21. Yea, so have I strived to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man’s foundation: but as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see, and they that have not heard, shall understand. Many other Places are alleged to prove the Americans Interest in the Promises. I shall mention a few, which are by others improved to the same purpose; as hoping that a cord of so many wreaths will not easily be broken. The Books of Moses, and the historical part of the Old Testament do speak of, and promise this Gospelling of the Heathen; Indians as well as others. Gen. 9. 27. GOD shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem*. p. 16. Psalm. 2. 8. & 48. 2, 10. & 72. 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19. & 82. 8. & 113. 3, 4. Isa. 2. 2, 3, 4. All nations shall flow unto it. If GOD so widens his Promise: who may dare so to narrow it, as to exclude the Indians? The Lord forbid that any who have already tasted how good he is to themselves, that were Unworthy before, and Unthankfull after; the Lord I say, forbid that any such should lodge, or admit so Uncharitable a thought in their hearts! What? to cut off, and that for ever, so great a part of Mankind from the Blessing of the Gospel! Where there is neither Greek, nor Jew, Barbarian, Scythian. Colos. 3. 11. Mr. Oxenbridge thinks that the Ten Tribes may be in America; and that the opinion of its being peopled by Carthaginians, is a clear Mistake. The 2d Chapter of the 2d

* Isa. 52.15. * If the aboriginal Natives in America are descended of SHEM; the European Plantations are a Fulfillment of this Prophecy.
Part contains Motives to Gospellize the Heathen, such as the Indians are. The First Motive is the Command of GOD, whose we are, and whom we profess to serve. This Command is either plainly expressed: or closely implied in the Promises. An express Command is to be seen in Mark, 16. 15. Go ye into all the World, and preach the Gospel to every Creature. Mat. 28. 19, 20. It is necessary the Fullness of the Gentiles should come in: and doth Faith come upon any by Chance? W hy should bounds be set to the word of Faith, so long as Infidelity remains? W ith what Confidence, what Conscience do we not offer Christ to them that have him not? Do we detain the Word of God in Unrighteousness? Bernard. lib. 3. cap. 1. De Consid.

Another Motive offers it self from the Coming of our dear LORD; which, if real Christians, we do desire: but if intelligent ones, will not expect (because we cannot obtain) till the Indians be Gospellized. Mat. 24. 14. And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in All the World, for a witness unto All Nations, and then shall the End come. I need not again rescue this Text to the sence that favours the Indians Gospellizing: but rather imploy it in this Service. Christians, Would you not gladly have Christ come? Do you not long for such a Day of his Presence, as will never be obscured by a Night of Absence or Withdrawing? Do you not look out sharp for Him, to end the Violences and Abuses of the sons of Wickedness? To dispatch this Vain and Vexatious world? What say you? Do you so love Christ as to say with the Bride; by the same Spirit, Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly! Are you in good earnest that hear this? Desire then, Pray and Labour that this Gospel may be preached in all the World; in this Indian End of it. For till then, Christ himself tells you, He will not, He cannot come. The Door is, as it were, shut against Him. How do you desire Him to come in, and yet ly drowsing and turning on your Bed, as a Door upon the hinge? You are trying near hand, how you can shift for your Selves; and so in effect, shift off CHRIST, who is all this while kept without door. For Love, or Shame, Get Up! and Open the Door! 2 Peter, 3. 12. Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God. Sit not then still: but as we use to do with desirable and welcom Guests, go out to meet Him, and bring Him in. What is done or prepared by Papists among Indians, is not to be despised; but improved by Protestants. There my be some sincere Labourers and Converts among them. For Urbanus Calveto tells me of a Spanish Bishop of Mexico converted to the Truth. I cannot but think well of Betanzus of Guatemala. Nor may I deem otherwise of Did. Lopez. His Letter hath a Christian savour in it. Yea, Gage confesseth that he had known some of sober Conversation, that had listed themselves for the Indian Missions. And Acosta saith there are Men of God; they are scarce indeed. But I may not pass by Joseph Acosta himself, whom I am inclined to judge a serious Man for the Conversion of the Indians. In this
The 169th Page shows the Nobility of Virginia’s Original. Most of the Adventurers were of such Quality, as not to be likely to design their own Profit. In their 53d Order it is Appointed, that they shall (according to the first Institution and Profession of this Company) Advise and devise to the utmost of their Power, the best Means for reclaiming the barbarous Natives, and bringing them to the true Worship of God, Civility of Life, and Virtue. I knew one who under the name of dust and ashes, gave 500l. in Gold, for the breeding of Indian Children in true Religion; and then in Trades that they might live honestly. And a zealous Minister made a considerable Collection in the East-India Fleet, for the same End. Mr. Nicolas Farrar gave 500l. towards a College; to be paid when Ten Indian Children should be placed in it: and in the mean time, 24l. per annum, to three discreet godly Men in the Colony; which should honestly bring up three Indian Children, in Christian Religion, and some good Course to live by. And the Company of Virginia did yearly appoint a Committee to take into their care the matter of the College to be erected in Virginia, for the Conversion of Infidels. To these Offerers, we may well add those that offered themselves. Mr. Glover that wanted no Employ; yet would go with Sir Thomas Dale: When also went Mr. Alexander Whitaker (Son to that famous Professor in Cambridge) being well settled in England, on a Living and Means of his own; yet had his heart stirred up to preach the Gospel in Virginia: so that no dissension nor discouragement could withdraw him for the Voyage.

The 10th Chapter p. 22. argueth for the planting of Colonies truly Christian, in America; for the Vindications of the Honor of God and Christian Religion horribly and unmatchably scandalized by the barbarous Cruelties of the Spaniards. The Land was as the Garden of Eden, or Paradise, before them; and behind them a desolate Wilderness. They have fulfilled, and surpassed the Mischievousness of old Babylon, in making the World [the Habitable or Fertile World; as Gataker there] as a Wilderness, and destroying the Cities thereof. Now the Good Lord by his Good Spirit lift up a Standard against the Cruel Enemy of Christ and Mankind; that such Enemies may be scattered. And let the Lord lift up his Hand; declare his Power to the Gentiles, that they may be gathered to, and by the Standard of the Gospel. And I would bless them in the Name of the Lord, that with true hearts shall go forth to either part of this Work. Isa. 59. 19. & 49. 22.

The fervent Zeal of this learned and holy Man, would provoke a very Stone to speak: and therefore I hope the Christian Reader will lend a favourable Ear to my short Antiphony; What hath Old anti-Christ to do in the New World! By their own Confession, their Ch. is an Old Woman, past Child bearing. Nam Ecclesia omnium sensu consensu, etiam hereticorum, jam semitet; si ergo in sua adolescentia ac juventute non crevisset, quomodo nunc in senectute cresceret? Bellarmin. de not. Eccles. lib. 4. cap. 7. col. 175. & 176. D. One of this Mark may indeed be the Pope’s Whore: but the Old Woman’s Wife should ever wax Old, and become Unfruitful. Her Youth is renewed as the Eagles. It is most certain that the True Church will be Ten times more Vigorous and Fruitful than ever before. In this Instance, Bellarmin’s Fiddle is miserably out of Tune, if compared with David’s Harp, Ps. 45. 16. In stead of thy Fathers shall be thy Children. & 113. 9. He maketh the barren woman to keep house; to be a joyful Mother of Children; praise ye the LORD. Compare this with the Wedding mentioned Rev. 19. 1. 7. Where likewise the burden of the Son is Alleluiah: and Rev. 21. 5. Behold, I make all things NEW; and we shall perceive a perfect ravishing Dispassion.

As for the Dearness of the Gospel in New-England; being Fore warned we ought to be Fore armed, that we may not be outbid. Truth is a Kind of Gold that cannot be bought too dear. Truth is such a Commodity as never broke the Buyer whatever it cost him. Caryl on Job, 12. 16. My honoured Pastor, the Reverend Mr. Samuel Willard, a person eminent for Soundness of Judgement, and Clearness of Expression; lately preached and printed some excellent Sermons, the Text & Title whereof is Buy the Truth, and Sell it not. In the 48, 49. 68, 69. pages there are Lines very proper for the New-English Planters: as also in the 117, 118, and 125. pages of Covenant Keeping the way to Blessedness. May they accordingly, Obtain Mercy, and finde Grace to help in time of Need.
If we consult the memorable Epistle of Mr. Shepard of Cambridge, and Mr. Allin of Dedham, before their Answer to the Nine Positions; Or, if we inquire of the Learned and Judicious Mr. Jonathan Mitchell, and Mr. Urain Oakes,* we shall finde, they reckoned that the Planters had a good Bargain. And this Amiable Quaternion were all born in England, but chose to have their Graves here at our Cambridge, and Dedham.

An impossibility of subsisting there] As this seems to be all; so this is Argument enough, if it can be made out. Miraculous Samson could not withstand Thirst; nor Prodigious Jonathan, Hunger. Upon the Resettlement of Virginia by the Lord la Ware, June, 9. 1610. there is this remark; This was the Arm of the Lord of Hosts, who would have his People pass the Red Sea & Wilderness; and then to possess the Land of Canaan. Altho there were not Ten to One, yet there were Ten to Two of those who went to search the Land of Canaan, who reported A Land that eateth up the Inhabitants thereof: Num. 13. 32. And some pious honest man, being surrounded with Difficulties at his first coming hither; might Unadvisedly write a discouraging Letter: Unto which, his never Returning to England, and the flourishing circumstances of his Grandson at this day in New-England, are a very desirable and pleasant Contradiction. Capt. John Smith in his History published Anno 1624. affirms that he found New-England well inhabited with a goodly, strong, and well proportioned People. And the Proverb is, Show me the Man, and not the Meat. And if men can be contented with the Food and Raiment intended in 1 Tim. 6. 8. they need not fear subsisting where Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Oak & Walnut do naturally and plentifully grow. But for this, let Mr. Morden be consulted, to whom N. E. is beholden for the fair Character given them in his Geographie. It is remarkable, that Mr. Parker, who was a successfull Schoolmaster at Newbury in Barkshire, in the happy days of Dr. Twisse, was much about this time preaching and Proving at Ipswich in Essex, That the Passengers came over upon good Grounds, and that GOD would multiply them as He did the Children of Israel. His Text was Exod. 1. 7. As Mr. Nicolas Noyes who was an Auditor, and is yet living, lately informed me. Mr. Parker was at this time; 1634. principally concerned in beginning Newbury, where the Learned and Ingenious Mr. Benjamin Woodbridge, Dr. Twisse's Successor, had part of his Education under his Uncle Parker. Mary Brown [now Godfrey.] the First-born of Newbury, is yet alive; and is become the Mother and Grandmother of many children. And so many have been born after her in the Town, that they make two Assemblies, wherein GOD is solemnly worshipped every Sabbath Day. And As long as Plum-Island shall faithfully keep the commanded Post; Notwithstanding all the hectoring Words, and hard Blows of the proud and boisterous Ocean; As long as any Salmon, or Sturgeon shall swim in the streams of Merrimack, or any Perch, or Pickeril, in Crane Pond; As long as the Sea-Fowl shall know the Time of their coming, and not neglect seasonably to visit the Places of their Acquaintance; As long as any Cattel shall be fed with the Grass growing in the Medows, which do humbly bow down themselves before Crane Pond, and shall from thence pleasantly look down upon the Hills, and shall from thence pleasantly look down upon the River Parker, and the fruitful Marishes lying beneath; As long as any free and harmless Doves shall find a White Oak, or other Trees within the Township, to perch, or feed, or from thence be Translated, to be made partakers of the Inheritance of the Saints in Light. Now, seeing the Inhabitants of Newbury, and of New-England, upon the due Observance of their Tenure, may expect that their Rich and Gracious LORD will continue and confirm them in the Possession of these invaluable Privileges: Let us have Grace, whereby we may serve GOD acceptably with Reverence and godly Fear. For our GOD is a consuming Fire. Heb. 12. 28, 29.

The mention of Mary Brown brings to mind an idle Whimsy, as if Persons born in N.E. would be short liv'd. Whereas the Natives live long. And a Judgment concerning English-men cannot well be made till Twenty or Thirty years hence. Capt. Peregrine White born Novemb. 1620. Is besides all that have issued out to begin new Plantations.
yet alive, and like to live. Major William Bradford (whose honorable Father Governour Bradford married here) is more than 73. years old, and hath worn a Bullet in his Flesh above 20 of them. Elizabeth Alden* (now Paybody) Capt. John Alden her brother, Alexander Standish, and John Howland have lived more than Seventy years. This Summer, Ensign James Noyes hath happily discovered a Body of Marble at Newbury, within half a mile of the Navigable part of Little River; by which means much better Lime may be made, than of Oyster shells or West-India Lime-stones; and afforded at a much cheaper rate. This Summer a Contribution hath been made at Rode Island and Narragansett, but firstly and principally at Connecticut, by a Brief from the honorable the Governour & Council there: By the continuance of which brotherly Love, many Hundreds in this Province, almost quite slain with Hunger, have been rescued and revived. It is observable that by far the greatest part of our Divines have received their Birth and Education here: Who by solidity of Learning, soundness of Doctrine, and Integrity of Life, do give much honour to their Lord and Master. And as Dr. Twisse's VINDICÆ came out Anno 1622. quickly after the Settlement of New England, which was in the Years 1620, 1628, 1630. So that Faith which the Doctor did Earnestly and Victoriously contend for; is nowhere more Unanimously, Skillfully, and Resolutely defended than here. As a Memorial for the Plantations of JESUS CHRIST in New England, a worthy Divine, whose honorable Parents were born here, is erecting a Testimonial Pillar more ornamental and durable than polished Marble. And this very Year, notwithstanding the Blast, the Worm, the Frost, the Drought, the War: The Inhabitants of Fairfield, Newton, Rowley, and Excester, have been at the Charge to build themselves very fair and large Meeting Houses for the publick Worship of GOD. I would fain hope, that the End of the Lord with New England, will be such as was with Job: Because the Language of this Thing seemeth to be, Tho He slay us, yet will we Trust in HIM. October, 7. 1697.