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"Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say unto you that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."—Matt. v. 38, 39.

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From the conviction that war—war defensive as well as offensive,—is directly opposed to the will of the Great Ruler of the Universe, as revealed in the Gospel of Peace, the author deemed it his sacred duty, after the most diligent and painful inquiry, to resign the commission, and half-pay, which he had for many years held as a Captain in the Naval Service of his country; and publicly to assign his reasons for a proceeding so novel, and extraordinary. This he did in a Letter to his reigning Sovereign, George the Fourth, which Letter he published early in the year 1825.

In order to show that this Letter was in strict accordance with Scripture, the author subsequently published **THE APOLOGY OF AN OFFICER FOR WITHDRAWING FROM THE PROFESSION OF ARMS**, containing, with the above Letter, a series of letters on the Unlawfulness of War, and the Military Profession.

Sixteen years having elapsed since the publication of the First Letter, and neither it, nor his **APOLOGY**, having attracted much

public attention, the author is desirous of leaving behind him a testimony that his opinions remain unchanged at a very late period of life. This will appear from the Letters addressed to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, as spiritual head of the Church. The author's reasons for taking this liberty will be found in the letters addressed to his Grace.

Being now in his eighty-first year, the author thinks he may, without presumption, give these Letters to the world as his **LAST THOUGHTS**. He implores the blessing of Almighty God on his humble endeavours to fulfil His will; and that **HE** will, in his good time, open the eyes of men to the atrocities and miseries of war, and its utter inaccordance with the precepts of the Gospel, and the virtue and happiness of mankind.

T. THRUSH.

*Bells Vue, Harrogate,
January 14th, 1841.*

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