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Clear Sunshine of the Gospel  
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OR,  
An Historicall Narration of Gods  
Wonderfull Workings upon fundry of the  
INDIANS, both chief Governors and Common  
people, in bringing them to a willing and  
desired submission to the Ordinances of  
the Gospel; and framing their hearts to an  
earnest inquirie after the knowledge of  
God the Father, and of Jesus Christ  
the Saviour of the World.

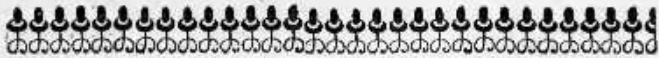
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*Isaiah 2. 2, 3. And it shall come to passe in the last dayes, that the mountain of the  
Lords house shall bee established in the top of the mountains, and shall bee exalted  
above the hills; and all Nations shall flow unto it.  
And many people shall go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord  
to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his wayes, and we will walk  
in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the Lord from  
Jerusalem.*

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TO THE  
*RIGHT HONOURABLE*  
THE  
LORDS & COMMONS  
*Assembled*  
In High Court of Parliament.

*Right Honorable,*

**H**ese few sheets present unto your view a *short* but welcome *discourse* of the visitations of the *most High* upon the *saddest* spectacles of *degeneracy* upon earth, The *poore Indian* People: the *distance* of place, (if our *spirits* be right) will be no *lessening* of the mercy, nor of our *thankfulnessse*, That *Christ* is glorified, that the *Gospel* doth any where find *footing* ; and *succeſſe* is a *mercy* as well worthy the *praise* of the *Saints* on Earth, as the *joy* of the *Angels* in heaven. The *report* of this mercy is *first* made to you, who are the *Representative* of this Nation, That in you *England* might bee stirred up, to be

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### The Epistle

Rejoycers in, and Advancers of these promising beginnings. And because to You an *account* is *first* due of the *successes* of the Gospel in those *darke* corners of the World, which have been so much *enlightened* by Your favour, *enlivened* by Your resolutions, *encouraged* by Your fore-past indeavours for God, & hope stil being parts of Your selves, to be *further* strengthned by Your benigne *aspects* and bountifull *influences* on them.

The present *troubles* have not so far *obliterated* and worn out the sad *impressions* which *former* times have made upon our spirits, but we can *sadly* remember those *destructive* designs which were on foot, and carryed on for the *Introduction* of so great *evils* both into *Church and State*; In order to which it was the *endeavour* of the *Contrivers* and *Promoters* of those designs, *to wast* the number of the godly, as those who would never be brought to *comply* in such destructive enterprises; which was attempted by *banishing* and *forcing* some abroad, by *burthening* and *afflicting* all at home. Among  
those

*Dedicatory.*

those who *tasted* of the *first*, I say not the *worst* sort of their cruelty, were these our *Brethren*, who to enjoy the *liberties* of the Gospel, were *content* to sit downe, and pitch their *tents* in the *utmost* parts of the Earth, hoping that there they might be out of the *reach* of their malice, as they were assured they were beyond the *bounds* of their love. God who doth often make mans *evill* of sin, serviceable to the *advancement* of the *riches* of his owne Grace; The most *horrid* act that ever was done by the *sonnes* of men, the *murther* of Christ, God made *serviceable* to the highest *purposes* of Grace and mercy that ever *came* upon his breast; That God doth shew that hee had *mercifull* ends, in this their *malicious* purpose: as hee suffer'd *Paul* to be cast into prison, to *convert* the *Jaylor*, to be shipwrackt at *Melita*, to *preach* to the *barbarians*, so he *suffer'd* their way to be *stopped* up here, and their persons to be *banished* hence, that hee might *open* a passage for them in the *Wilderneffe*, and make them *instruments* to draw soules to him, who had been so long *estranged* from him.

Acts 16. 30.  
33. 34.  
Acts 28. 1. 11.

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It was the end of the *adversary* to suppress, but Gods to *propagate* the Gospel; theirs to *smother* and put out the light, Gods to *communicate* and disperse it to the *utmost* corners of the Earth; that as one faith of *Paul*, his *blindnesse* gave *light* to the *whole World*, so we hope God will make their distance and *estrangednesse* from us, a meanes of *bringing* many near and in to acquaintance with him.

Indeed a *long time* it was before God let them see any *farther* end of their coming over, then to *preserve* their consciences, *cherish* their Graces, *provide* for their sustenance: But when *Providences* invited their return, he let them *know* it was for some farther Arrand that hee *brought* them thither, giving them some *Bunches* of Grapes, some *Clusters* of Figs in *earnest* of the prosperous *successes* of their endeavours upon those *poor out casts*: The *utmost* ends of the earth are *designed* and promised to be *in time* the possessions of Christ; And hee *sends* his *Ministers* into every place where he *himselſe* intends to come, and take possession.

Cecitas Pauli  
to tius orbis il-  
luminatio.  
Acts 9. 9.

Pfal. 2. 8.  
Iſa. 5. 10, 11,  
12.  
Iſa. 11. 9, 10.  
Luke 10. 1.