not of, may permit or appoint ſome Perſons to be afflicted, or cut off this Way, or that ; and then *expreſsly* adding, That others, though as yet unpuniſhed, may be, and often are, as criminal as they ; and, therefore, let them alſo beware, leſt they fall under *the like Condemnation* : Let them turn from their evil Ways, which is the only Method to ſecure them in Peace and Safety, for *except they repent they ſhall all likewiſe periſh* ; ſhall, by ſome Means or other, ſuffer the ſame or equal Puniſhment.

Now, after having thus introduced and open'd the Text I have quoted, the general Uſe I ſhall make of it is this : namely to ſhew, That *When God's Judgments are abroad in the Earth, in any* particular Place or Country, then, or in the View thereof, *the Inhabitants of the World*, or all the World beſides, *ſhould learn Righteouſneſs*, ſhould *ceaſe to do evil, learn to do well*, and *turn from their Sins to God* ; having *heard the Rod, and who has appointed it*, they ſhould not only *hear* of this, but alſo *fear*, *and do no more preſumptuouſly*.

In applying which Leſſon to our ſelves, I ſhall, Firſt, repreſent the ſinful State of our own Nation ; whence I ſhall, Secondly, Infer the abſolute Neceſſity of our Repentance for it ; to which again, Thirdly, I ſhall endeavour to incite