

# Englands Warning:

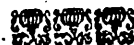
OR

A friendly ADMONITION to the Rulers thereof, to beware of persecuting the Righteous for yeelding Obedience to the Law of God;

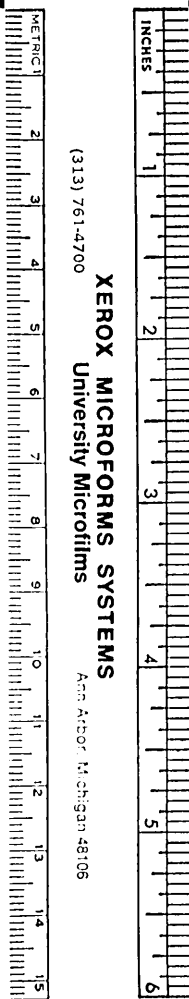
Left by so doing (as they have already begun) they provoke the Most High to Judgement, and to pour out his Wrath upon them untill there be no Remedy, which will be speedily accomplished if they repent not, but still go on in the Execution of their late cruel Edicts.

Isa. 10. 1, 2, 3.

*Wo unto those that decree Unrighteous Decrees, and that write Grievousness, which they have prescribed. To turn aside the Needy from Judgement, and to take away the Right from the Poor of my People, that Widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless, And what will ye do in the day of Visitation, and in the Desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help, and where will ye leave your glory?*



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*O England this to thee is sent,  
That thou maist speedily repent,  
And so far to imploy thy Trust  
As that thou maist defend the Just*

**O** Foolish Nation, void of Grace  
and Understanding true,  
The Cruel Acts that thou hast made,  
thou maist have time to rue.  
Dost think thy Peace doth stand in this,  
to persecute the Poor,  
And eke the Meek, that fear the Lord,  
and do his Name implore?  
O no, *England*, that's not the way  
for thee to thrive and stand,  
To banish those that Righteous are  
out of their Native Land,  
Remember what to *Sodom* fell,  
when *Lot* was gone to *Zoar*,  
How that the Lord did them consume *Gen. 19*  
and burnt up all their store. *24.*

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Because

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Because the Righteous man he did  
their wicked deeds reprove,  
Therefore they persecuted him,  
to force him to remove.

But when that he was gone (you see)  
they soon to Ruine came :

Take heed lest that thy portion be  
to undergo the same.

*Isa. 1. 9* Consider *Isarel* of old,  
had not a Remnant been,  
How God like *Sodom* them had made,  
so heinous was their sin.

And wilt thou cast the Remnant out,  
whom he doth highly prize ;

*Pf. 132* Which are his Habitation pure :  
*13.* how dar'st thou them despise ?

VWhy, they are those that to the Lord  
do pray oft for thy Peace,

*Numb. 16. 48.* And stand oft-times within the Gap  
his Fury for to cease  
For when thy sins for Vengeance cryes

up to the Mighty God,  
That he is ready thee to break  
in peices with his Rod,

Then

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Then they with humble broken hearts: *Exo. 30.*  
before his gracious Throne *11, 12.*

Do spread thy Case before the Lord  
with many a sigh and groan ;

Beseeching for his Mercies sake  
his Judgments to withdraw,

And not on thee to exercise  
the Rigor of his Law ;

And that thy sins he pardon would,  
and eke thy Life amend,

That he his Judgments would divert,  
and down his Blessings send.

And often-times he pardon'd hath  
according to their word,

And thee deliver'd from Pestilence,  
from Famine and from Sword.

And wilt thou be so barbarous,  
for all their love and care,

As not to suffer these thy Friends  
with thee to have a share

Of those great Blessings which the Land  
enjoyeth for their sake,

But that with Violence and Rage  
away thou wilt them take

From

*Numb.*  
*14. 19.*  
*20.*

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From their dear *Wives* and *Children* small,  
and from their Native soil,  
Them to expose to Misery,  
to Labour and to Toyl,  
Within a strange and unknown Land,  
from their Relations dear,  
And they at home to dye with grief,  
for want of succour here ?

O horrible Ingratitude!  
thou mak'st my heart to bleed  
To think of thy inhumane Acts  
against a Righteous Seed.

And all because they wait upon  
the Ever Blessed Lord,

*Mal.* 3. And meet together in his Fear,  
<sup>16.</sup> according to his Word.

*Heb.* 10. 25. O *England* thou hast greatly sinned,  
in bending of thy Might

Only against the Innocent,  
on them to work thy spight.

And not only against these Lambs  
dost thou with force thus strive,

*Luke* 10. 16. But eke against their Captain strong,  
*1 Thess.* 4. 8. who alwaies sits alive

At

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At the Right-hand of God on high,  
who stronger is than all,  
And will in peices break thy Force  
when Vengeance he lets fall :

For when his glittering Sword is whet,  
his Hand doth Vengeance hold,

He'll make thee sadly rue the time  
that ere thou wast so bold,

To let pass such unjust Decrees  
gainst those that do him feare,

Who, as the Apple of his Eye,  
they are to him most dear.

It is the chief and Corner-stone  
at which thy Force is bent,

Which soon will thee to powder grinde,  
except thou dost repent,

And call back that unrighteous Law,  
by which thou goest about

For to destroy the Righteous,  
and blot their Remnant out.

That very Law it is enough  
thy Blessings all to blast,

And turn thy good things upside down;  
and thee give up at last.

*Heb.* 10.  
12.

*Deut.*  
32. 41.

*Isa.* 10.  
1.  
*Zech.*  
2. 8.

*Matth.*  
21. 44.

To

To reap the fruit of this thy Sin,  
like *Pharoah* and his Crew,  
*Exod.* Who for the like Oppression great,  
14.28. the Lord he overthrew.

Therefore *England*, Repent with speed,  
whilst that thy Day doth last,  
Lest that the Night on thee doth come,  
when Mercy will be past.

For whoso evil doth to those,  
that fear His Holy Name,

*Matth.* He takes as done unto himself,  
25.45. and will requite the same.

*Psal.* 7. For with such deeds the Lord he is  
11. full angry ev'ry day,

And if thou turn'st not, then he will  
on thee his Fury lay,

*Psal.* 7. And will let fly his Arrows on  
12, 13, thy Persecuting pate,  
16. And eke his Instruments of Death,

because thy Soul he'll hate :  
For he a perfect hatred hath  
to every one of those

That with malicious hearts do bend  
themselves to be the foes

Of

Of those he doth so highly prize,  
that are his Temple pure,  
With whom he will for ever dwell  
whilst Sun and Moon endure.

Thou art about a work this day,  
at which none did ere thrive  
That ever took the same in hand  
since there was man alive,

Namely, to persecute the Just,  
whom Christ their Captain dear,  
Hath Redeemed with his own Blood  
to be God's Building here.

Consider their Foundation's sure,  
a Stone that doth not fail,  
Against which Rock the gates of Hell,  
they never shall prevail.

And dost thou think that art but Clay,  
to break this Building down,  
Which God appointed hath for aye  
a Temple of Renown ?

The first that did this work begin  
thou knowst 'twas bloody *Cain*,  
Who did his Righteous Brother kill,  
his purpose to obtain :

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Because

*2 Cor.* 6  
16.

*Psal.*  
72. 7

*1 Cor.*  
3. 9

*1 Pet.*  
2. 6.

*Matth.*  
16. 18.

*Gen.* 4.  
8.

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1 John, 3. 12. Because his Brother's works were good,  
and his, like thine, were curst:  
Therefore he spilt the Righteous Blood,  
after which thou dost thirst.  
But what to him for this besel,  
as plainly thou maist read,  
Gen. 4. 12, 16. It caus'd the Vengeance of the Lord  
on him to fall with speed,  
It shut him out for evermore  
from favour with the Lord  
To be a curst Vagabond,  
and this was his Reward.  
When Pharaoh King of Egypt did  
this woful work begin,  
Thou knowst how Vengeance him pursu'd,  
so grievous was his sin  
Before the Lord, who did behold  
th' Oppression of the Just,  
Exod. 6 23. and 10. 15. For which he made his Fury smoke  
and within his Land like dust,  
12. 29. And took away his Corn and Wine,  
his Cattel and his Store,  
And did his First-born likewise kill  
for his Oppression fore:

And

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And then at length when nothing would  
his furious mind assuage,  
But that he would the Meek pursue  
with Cruelty and Rage,  
Ev'n then the Lord did undertake  
their Pride for to allay,  
And caus'd both him and all his Host  
to perish in one day,  
Within the Deep, because they did  
his Children dear pursue,  
And would not suffer them the Lord  
to worship, as was due:  
For those that do oppress the Poor,  
because they worship God,  
He'l make them cry aloud, and roar,  
with th' Vengeance of his Rod.  
And thus, if that thou tak'st a view  
of all that ever wrought  
In this most sad and woful work,  
thou'lt find they came to nought.  
And dost thou think better to speed  
than those that went before?  
O no, thy Judgment hasts apace,  
it's even at the door;

Exod.  
14. 28.

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Except

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Except thou endst thy Cruelty,  
 and thy past deeds relent;  
 Thou'lt quickly feel his heavy hand  
 before long time be spent.  
 Again, consider what is done  
 by all thy Actings great;  
 Wherein thou hast imploy'd thy self  
 the Righteous to defeat;  
 How many of thy Goals hast thou  
 fill'd with the Innocent?  
 And yet there's more abroad than was  
 when to this work thou went.  
 Just as it was with *Pharaoh's Train*,  
 whom God then overthrew,  
*Exod. 1.* The more they did oppress the Meek,  
 12, the more th' increas'd and grew.  
 Even so it is with thee this day  
 in this thy Cruelty,  
 The more thou seek'st them to destroy,  
 the more they multiply:  
 And so they will, when thou hast done  
 the worst thou canst devise,  
*Psalms* For they like to *Mount Sion* are,  
 125. 1. their portion is to rise,  
*Isa. 2. 2*

And

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And for to grow exceeding great,  
 a Mountain strong and tall,  
 Which must at length Dominion have,  
 and rule the Nations all:  
 For he that overcomes, saith Christ,  
 and keeps my words for aye,  
*Rev. 2.*  
 The Nations with a Rod shall rule,  
 26, 27.  
 and break like Potters clay.  
 And whilst that they do here abide  
 under thy Fury great,  
 They have a Tower strong, into  
*Prov. 18.*  
 10. the which they may retreat.  
 And there in safety they'll abide  
 in this their Tower high,  
 Beyond the reach of all thy Rage  
 and furious Cruelty:  
 Where though thou spendest all thy Force  
 their Strong-hold to obtain,  
 Or them to drive from their Defence,  
 thy labour will be vain.  
 For strong is he that doth their Gates,  
 and eke their Walls defend,  
 And wil preserve them from thy spight,  
 and keep them to the end,

All

All that thou dost by this thy work,  
is but to hast thy wo ;

But as to those thou persecut'st  
it will be nothing so.

*Jerem.*  
24. 5.

If thou transportest them away,  
whom God hath made his choice,

His Presence with them still will go  
their hearts for to rejoyce :

And wheresoever they become,  
or what they may endure,

*Exek.*  
11. 16.

Yet he will be their hiding-place,  
and safely them secure ;

*Dent.*  
32. 9.

For why? they are his Portion dear,  
in whom his soul delights,

*Isa.* 27.  
3.

And he a Guard will be to them  
by day and eke by night.

But wo to thee when they are gone  
who did thy Peace maintain,

For they to God Will cry aloud,  
and sore on thee complain ;

And call for Vengeance, which is due  
for thy Oppression great :

And doubtless he'll be heard of them  
when they do him entreat.

And

And then thy Miseries will come  
like Arrows, swift and strong,  
And to the heart they will thee pierce,  
because thou didst such wrong

To those that alwayes were thy friends  
in time of thy distress,

For whom the Lord he often did  
with benefits thee bless.

O how the tears will gush amain  
from those in Widowhood !

Which sore against thee will prevail, *Dent.*  
like to a mighty Flood, 27. 19.

And overturn thy Blessings all,  
and wash away thy Pride,

Like to a City swallow'd up,  
when in doth break the Tide.

A strong Indictment will be drawn  
by those that wronged are,

And thou arraigned then must be  
before a Righteous Bar.

And if thou shalt not guilty plead,  
but wilt thy Issue sue,

A thousand Witnesses shall rise  
to prove th'Indictment true ;

The



Job 20.  
27.

1. The Heavens thy Iniquity  
shall publickly reveal,  
And there before the Mighty Judge  
the naked truth shall tell,  
How that thou hast polluted them  
by thy blasphemous breath,  
And eke the Righteous hast opprest  
with Cruelty and Death.

2. The Earth moreover will declare  
the burden that she bore,  
By reason of thy Cruelty  
and thy Oppression fore :

Isa. 26.  
21.

The Righteous Blood she will disclose  
that in her bowels lay,  
Which she was forced for to drink,  
when thou the Just didst slay.

How will she there on thee complain,  
that she the Faithful hath

Heb. 11  
38.

Been forc'd to hide within her caves  
from thy most cruel wrath ?  
And forc'd her corners to prepare  
the Meek to entertain,  
Because thou wouldst not suffer them  
at home for to remain

With

With their dear *Wives* and little *Babes*  
which precious to them are,  
Of whom they are enjoyn'd by God  
to nourish and take care.

1 Tim.  
5. 8.

3. Then will the mournful *Widow* come  
and to the Judge make known,  
To her thou hast been merciless,  
and hast no pity shown;

But that out of her bosome thou  
didst force her Husband kind,  
Whom God in Mercy had to Her  
in holy Wedlock joyn'd.

Math.  
19. 6.

A Bill at large she will produce  
of all the grief and smart,  
That she sustain'd for want of him  
that lay so near her heart.

And then for Vengeance will she call  
upon thy head likewise,  
Because thou wert so cruel bent  
such wayes for to devise;

As for to Banish him away  
who was her Faithful Friend,  
Who nourished both she and hers,  
and willing was to spend

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His

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His Strength and eke his Substance too  
before they want should have,  
Or any Misfry' undergo  
that he them from could save.

4. Then up will come the *Fatherless*  
like to an Army strong;  
And to the Judge they will complain  
that they have suffered wrong;  
Because thou hast by Cruelty  
exil'd their Fathers dear,

*Mal. 3.* And made their Mothers hearts to bleed  
5. their groanings for to hear;

How that thou hast their ruin wrought,  
and eke their good things sack'd  
And them to Misery hast brought  
by thy Transporting Act.

5. Then they together with the Rest,  
aloud to God will Cry  
That he to Judgment would make hast,  
and let his Arrows fly,

*Deut.*  
32. 23.

And give to thee a just Reward  
for all that thou hast wrought;  
Because that thou most greedily  
the Righteous blood hast sought.

6. Then

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6. Then will thy guilty Conscience rise  
as Witness at that Day,

*Rom. 2.*  
15.

And testifie against thee more  
than all the rest can say:

And then thy sins of every sort  
before thee will be pen'd,

*Jude 15.*

And thou be forced there to stand  
thy Judgment to attend.

Then will it be too late for thee  
unto the Rocks to say,

Or to the Hills, Come cover me  
from this most Dreadful Day:

*Rev. 6.*  
15, 16.

For though they were a shelter to  
the poor whom thou didst grieve,  
Yet will they thee no Favour shew,  
nor any whit relieve.

But then the Judge will Thunder forth  
thy Sentence in his Ire,  
Which will to thee more Dreadful be,  
than burning flames of Fire;

O go ye Cursed will he say,  
My Wrath for ever bear;  
Because ye have been so unkind  
to these my Brethren dear.

*Matth.*  
25, 41.

*ver. 45.*

For

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For what thou didst unto the least  
of these my dearest Friends;

I take as done unto my Self,  
and now will be Reveng'd

Upon thy head for evermore,  
I plainly do thee tell,

For thou forthwith away shalt go  
into the Lowest Hell;

*2 Thess.* Where separated thou shalt be  
*1. 8, 9.* from all Joy and Delight,

*Rev. 14* And be Tormented evermore,  
*10, 11.* by Day and eke by Night.

And this will be thy Portion sure,  
if that thou beest so stout,

To Execute those Cruel Laws  
which thou hast late set out.

O England now therefore Repent,  
that Mercy thou mayst find,

*Gen. 19* Or else like to the Sodomites  
*11.* thou'lt soon be stricken blind.

O cease from thy Oppression great,  
else Ruine will thee rend,

And say that thou hast Warning had  
from one that is thy Friend.

*F. S.*