

all the world, and of civil and religious liberty, in the fullest extent;—with all the powers of government emanating from the people, “the only legitimate source”—and all the public functionaries amenable to them, for the exercise of their delegated trusts;—with an abundance of the necessaries and comforts of human life and enjoyment, generally diffused through all ranks of society;—and with all the great interests of the country, cherished and protected with an exclusive view to the national prosperity and general welfare. And whilst our hearts are warmed with gratitude to Almighty God for those various blessings, the mind, on an occasion like the present, naturally and unavoidably reverts to the recent most astonishing occurrence of the death, on the fiftieth Anniversary of our National existence, of the two great apostles of liberty, most distinguished in the Declaration of our Independence;—the one as its author, and the other as its most efficient advocate. On the last National Jubilee, Jefferson and Adams both paid the great debt of nature, and whilst a grateful people were assembled round the festive board, and in the fulness of their hearts, pouring out their feelings of admiration of these great benefactors, and their revolutionary compatriots, they passed from their labours, to appear “before the judge of all the earth,” and we humbly trust that their sentence was, “Well