

The South.

THE FADED FLOWER.

I kept it still, the faded flower, Through long and cheerless years, In memory of that happy hour, Which time the north wind stole.

That flower, like her who gave it, then Was loveliest of its kind; And vainly might I seek again To fall a flower to find.

In distant lands, amidst care and grief, That flower was yet more dear, And often every cheerful hour, Was moistened with a tear.

And still I keep the faded flower, And hold, while life shall last, The memory of that happy hour, Which consecrates the past.

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"The loss of officers was observed to be disproportionately great; and the gloom in the quarters of the British was deepened by the reflection that they had fought not against an enemy, but against their fellow-subjects and kindred."

"The King, in his reply, pledged himself speedily and effectually to enforce obedience to the laws and the authority of the Congress."

"The Congress of 1774, there was not one member, except Patrick Henry, who appeared to be sensible of the precipitous and rash nature of the measures which we stood, and had caudor and courage enough to acknowledge it."

"As to the history of the Revolution, my ideas may be peculiar, perhaps singular. What do we mean by Revolution? The word is not a part of the Revolution."

"Upon the whole it has been the policy of the British authority to use force to suppress the rights of the people, and to confine our trade as to be subservient to their commerce."

"They closed their statement in the words of their own declaration: 'These Colonies now fight the complicated calamities of fire, sword and famine. We are reduced to the alternative of choosing an unresisting obedience to the British yoke, or a resistance by force. The latter is our choice. We have counted the cost of this contest, and find nothing so dreadful as a revolutionary slavery.'"

"A town meeting of Boston had been called at the Old South Church, in consequence of some late aggression upon the rights of the people."

"It was a maxim of the Roman people, which even to this day is the maxim of the States, never to despise of the commonwealth. THE STATE MAY PROVE AS SALUTARY TO US, AS IT DID TO THEM."

"The glorious spirit of liberty is vanquished and left without hope but in a miracle, said desponding patriots. 'I confess,' said Samuel Adams, 'we have, many latter themselves that their pusillanimity is true prudence; but in persons times like these, I cannot conceive of prudence without fortitude.'"

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