

There shall be WARS and Rumours of WAR
before the LAST DAY cometh.

Solemn Predictions
OF
Future EVENTS,
PLAINLY MANIFESTED
By the PLANETS,
In the Year 1787.

Together with
A TRUE ACCOUNT
OF APPEARANCES in the HEAVENS,
Seen by the Inhabitants of
NEW-ENGLAND.

*When signs and wonders in the Heavens appear,
Let Christians bow with reverential fear.*

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**Solemn Predictions,
&c. &c.**

Courteous Reader,

I HAVE seriously thought whether the portending influence of the planetary systems are to be noticed or not; but since the eclipse in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven exhibits so much pretence of destructive and delolatory events, it may perhaps be of infinite benefit to the public in general, to set forth the grand predictions of this eclipse, though some few individuals may think them not worth their attention.

As to the eclipse of the moon in January, it being celebrated in the sign Copricorn, in the thirteenth degree and four minutes of this sign, and in the declination of the sun south, twenty two degrees fifty minutes ascending, which is a sign of the earthly triplicity, and portends great events of an earthly nature. The effects of this eclipse will be mostly felt on the land, though it will be powerful on the sea. It will occasion great swellings of
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the sea, terrible storms of wind, amazing water spouts, thunder and lightning. A great many ship-wrecks will be heard of on many coasts. Its effects will likewise greatly affect the airy element. Great inundations of water will happen, which will do great damage. In many places it will utterly destroy, and in others greatly injure mills, bridges, &c. overflow meadows, carry off houses, and spoil cultivated pieces of land lying by streams of water. It will also produce hurricanes and airy whirlpools, tearing up trees by the roots, and demolishing houses, barns, out-houses and the like.

The human body will likewise be materially affected; the most obvious of its effects will be as follows, viz. It will produce phlegmatic diseases, such as dropfies, and much obstructions in the watery vessels.

It will have much influence on men's tempers and dispositions, and influence them in respect to their conduct in moral and political matters, in nations, provinces, towns neighbourhoods and families. Great tumults and contentions will arise. Civil wars will prevail in several countries, and several parts of America will suffer great disorders on account of the expensiveness of law, taxes, &c. There will happen great jumbles and disorders about public officers. Factionous men will find much fault with the leaders or commanders of the states, Tavern haunting will much prevail, and of course drunkennels, overreaching,

reaching, and cheating one another, these and many more of such like things are naturally predicted which may God of his infinite wisdom and power prevent.

The natural effects of the eclipse in June, celebrated in the sign gemini, in the 24th degree and six minutes of that sign, sun's declination north, 23 degrees 20 minutes ascending, and is a sign of the airy triplicity, a double bodied sign, and portends contentions and disorders, between parties, both by sea and land. But as Mars, the God of war has removed his situation towards his own country, which is France, its effects will be mostly upon the trade of the seas, where there will be mighty battles fought, and a multitude of severe engagements between parties and it is more than probable that the seat of war will be mostly on the seas according to Mars.

But as to the eclipse of the sun June 15th being projected almost in our zenith, it will wonderfully affect North-America with quarrels and contentions of a warlike nature, the savages of different tribes, will be induced to make inroads upon our frontiers, laying waste many of our towns, villages and new plantations, which will for a time hinder the extension of the line of jurisdiction of the United States. By the malign influence of these eclipses, the United States of America will be troubled with intestine jars, and domestic quarrels, and contentions of every kind even to destroying the ties of friendship, and dissolving

solving the bonds of love and kindred, to the utter ruin of families. Setting husbands against their wives, and wives against their husbands, and one neighbour against another. The consequence of which will be vexatious and ruinous law suits, envy and hatred will prevail, and designing factious knaves will persuade the unthinking to rise in opposition to government, despising Rulers, Magistrates, and Judges. New icisms will take place in the church. Ministers of the sacred gospel will be contemned and despised for a limited time, but the earth is the Lord's, who is able to bring order out of confusion.

As to the other eclipses which are not visible in our hemisphere, as their influence is foreign to us, I shall not say any thing about them.

These things and many more are the natural predictions of the planetary system, but as the Lord commanded nature in the days of Joshua, for the good of his people, so may it please him to order times and seasons for the good of his American Israel.

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A
True Account
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APPEARANCES
In the Heavens ;

Seen by the Inhabitants of New-England.

ATTEND O Christians far and near,
And you the strangest truths shall hear,
That has for ages past beset
This earthly globe on which we dwell.

Oft has the sacred truth been told,
By priests and prophets new and old,
That e'er the dreadful judgment day,
E'er nature moulders to decay,

Strange signs shall to the world arise,
And dreadful omens fill the skies,
The moon shall shroud her glim'ring light,
The sun shall be as dark as night.

Impostors shall in crowds appear,
And preach to Christ is there or here,
And thousands shall be led astray,
And perish from the heav'ly way.

Now

Now let us for a while attend,
 The voice of Christ our heavenly friend,
 Do not our present troubles shew
 His words are holy, just and true.

Have not false preachers lately given,
 A new and easy way to heaven.
 And taught by practice and by word,
 Blasphemous doctrines 'gainst the Lord.

How many sects entirely new,
 Are daily springing up to view,
 Claiming exclusively a right
 To Christ and heavenly glory bright.

Thus far the sacred truth's fulfil'd,
 As all are forc'd assent to yield,
 But now the solemn text is found,
 To force conviction from the ground.

Earthquakes the solid world hath shook;
 To ratify the sacred book ;
 Strange sights have fill'd the lofty sky,
 And struck with dread th' admiring eye.

Strange noises likewise have been heard,
 As is by men of truth declar'd,
 And sounds of battle in the air,
 The horrid deeds of arms declare:

The wonders of our threaten'd land,
 Bespeak the Lord Jehovah's hand,
 And shew if we believe his word,
 The second coming of the Lord.

Upon

Upon the morn of New-Year's day,
As tens of thousands truly lay,
Even of the present current year,
Strange sights did in the air appear:

Near Boston soon as morn appear'd,
A solemn sound of war was heard,
As when two armies fill'd with rage,
In fiercest manner dare engage.

Loud thundering cannon seem'd to roar,
Resounding from the eastern shore,
And rolling onward seem'd to die,
Far distant in the western sky,

Then in succeeding peals it seems;
Were heard distress and dismal screams,
Expiring groans were plainly heard,
As is by men of truth declar'd.

The sound of small arms likewise flies,
From east to west across the skies,
In different force they seem'd to sound,
Sometimes whole volleys shook the ground.

Near Worcester they likewise lay,
Just at the op'ning of the day,
A crimson mantle deck't the sky,
And fill'd with tears th' admiring eye:

It seem'd like garments roll'd in blood,
As in a mighty crimson flood,
While airy forms in dread array,
Heighten'd the horrors of the day:

Numbers seem'd stretch'd upon the plain,
As if in battle they were slain,
While conquering legions seem'd to stray
O'er lofty hills the western way.

This many for a truth declare,
Who say that they themselves were there
And heard and saw what here is told,
Which made their very blood run cold.

The twenty-second day we hear,
These dreadful fights did there appear,
And on the twenty-third 'tis said,
They likewise their appearance made.

Women and children seem'd to fly,
Like airy phantoms through the sky,
Some fainting fall in deep distress,
While others gain the wilderness.

At Canaan likewise 'tis declar'd,
Strange fights were seen and noises heard,
Great Barrington and Stockbridge too
Of all these wonders had a view.

Persons of truth depose and say,
The twenty third by break of day,
They heard strange noises in the air,
Which did towards the east appear.

Thence rolling on it seem'd to die
Far distant in the western sky ;
Where the high dome's aetherial blue
Hid all these wonders from the view.

Ye Christians who the truth revere,
When signs and wonders thus appear,
And heaven unfolds its mysteries,
By wond'rous symbols in the skies,

When daily proofs of heavenly kind,
Pour strong conviction on the mind,
Will you be slow to understand
The judgment day is near at hand.

The stars which in their orbits shine,
With light and majesty divine,
Dark and eclipsed 'tis said they stood,
The moon appear'd a globe of blood:

O sinners far and near repent,
The Lord these wond'rous signs hath sent,
To warn you from your sins to fly,
To Christ the Sovereign of the sky:

'Tis Christ alone can help bestow,
'Tis to his sovereign grace we owe,
That we are not e'en now confin'd,
In hell, the place for sin assign'd.

O may all feuds and parties cease;
May nations own the prince of peace,
And may Americans be wise,
Ere heaven in vengeance shall arise,

And through the trembling world declare,
What sinful souls will dread to hear,
Since they despise the offers given,
They ne'er shall taste the joys of Heaven,