INDEPENDENCE.

Order of Performance,

At the Third Bapti[illegible] Meeting-House, in Boston,

ON THE

Anniversary of American Independence,

JULY FOURTH, 1808.

I.

75th Psalm, (six verses.) *Tune*, Old Hundred.

1.
To thee, Most Holy, and Most High,
To thee we bring our thankful praise:
Thy works declare thy hand is nigh,
Thy works of wonder and of grace.

2.
AMERICA was doom'd a slave,
Her frame dissolv'd, her fears were great;
When GOD a righteous Council gave,
To bear the pillars of the State.

3.
They from thy pow'r receiv'd their own,
And sware to rule by wholesome laws;
Thy foot shall tread [illegible]
Thy arm [illegible] the righteous cause.

4.
Let haughty sinners sink their pride,
Nor lift so high their scornful head:
But lay their foolish thoughts aside,
And own the Pow'rs which GOD hath made.

5.
Such honours never come by chance,
Nor do the winds promotion blow;
'Tis GOD, the Judge, doth one advance,
'Tis GOD, who lays another low.

6.
No vain pretence to royal birth,
Shall chain us to a tyrant's throne;
Shall crush usurpers with [illegible]

II.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Blood.

III.

Declaration of Independence, by Mr. Benjamin Homans.

IV.

Hymn. *Tune*, Chester.

1.
Let tyrants shake their iron rod,
And slavery clank her galling chains;
We fear them not, we trust in GOD;
COLUMBIA'S GOD forever reigns.

2.
HOWE, and BURGOYNE, and CLINTON too,
With PRESCOTT and CORNWALLIS join'd,
Together plot our overthrow,
In one infernal league combin'd.

3.
When GOD inspir'd us for the fight,
Their ranks were broke, their lines were forc'd;
Then ships were shatter'd in our sight,
Or swiftly driven from our coast.

4.
The foe comes on with haughty stride,
Our troops advance with martial noise;
Their vet'rans flee before our youth,
And gen'rals yield to beardless boys.

5.
What grateful off'rings shall we bring,
What shall we render to the LORD;
Loud hallelujahs let us sing,
And praise his name on ev'ry chord

V.

Oration, by Mr. Charles Pinckney Sumner.

VI.

Independence, An Anthem, by the Choir.

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