Composition.

On Death and future punishment.

Death is to be considered not as a punishment imposed upon us as a reward for our sins but as a liberator from the pains and miseries as well as the vices & passions of this world to fear and dread it is either evincing a non-belief in the goodness and [illegible]
or a sensibility that our claims to Divine mercy are insufficient On the other hand to be too hasty to die shows that we think we know better than God when the cup of our misery is full. It is not for man to judge when he should die or how long he should live the almighty disposer of all things knows alone when a period should be put to our lives Again too great a love for this life is to prefer earthly things to heavenly and darkness to light but with our own hands to put an end to this life is to rush into the presence of an offended Deity stained perhaps with sins blacker than tenfold night bathed in blood polluted with slaughter By prizing ourselves from earthly punishments to bring down upon ourselves eternal vengeance Would it not be better by passing the rest of our lives in a manner worthy of ourselves