

working out of sight, in grass ground, have so eat the roots that the surface, being loosened from the soil beneath, might be taken off in great sheets.

These kind of devouring creatures appearing seldom, and coming in such multitudes, their generation appears different from most other reptiles, and by the prophet were called "God's army sent amongst the people." Joel ii. 25.

There have been tempests of hail, which have very much destroyed the grain where they extended. Through long drought in summer, grain in some places hath been less than half the usual quantity*; and in the continuance thereof, I have beheld with attention, from week to week, how dryness from the top of the earth, hath extended deeper and deeper, while the corn and plants have languished; and with reverence my mind hath been turned toward HIM, who being perfect in goodness, in wisdom and power, doeth all things right. And after long drought, when the sky hath grown dark with a collection of matter, and clouds like lakes of water hung over our heads, from whence the thirsty land hath been soaked; I have at times, with awfulness, beheld the vehement operation of lightning, made sometimes to accompany these blessings, as a messenger

* When crops fail, I often feel a tender care that the case of poor tenants may be mercifully considered.