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Spirit amongst our brethren - Tho' Moses was very
meek above all men which were upon the face of
the Earth, and had closer communication with God
than any other Saint, for we are told he talked with
God face to face as a man with his friend: yet all his
meekness was not proof against the repeated assaults
he met with from the Israelites - he lost his
temper with them; for they provoked his Spirit
so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips; and on
that account the sacred Historian tells us, it went ill
with Moses for their sakes - Sometimes he remonstrated
with the seditious Israelites under the influence of human
passions - at other times with the deepest humility
he cried to God for Aid, saying 'what shall I do
with this people for they are almost ready to stone
me'. view Moses' situation - you will see his Brother Aaron
while he is praying, make the golden Calves, and all
the Israelites dancing round them, shouting and
singing these are thy Gods O Israel - Another
secretly the wedge of gold, by which the wrath of
the Lord is brought upon the Congregation - and
the Princes and Leaders of the Tribes committing
Fornication with the Daughters of the Heathens, which
compelled Moses to execute the painful task of hang-
ing up one thousand of them in the morning before
the door of the Tabernacle - what must have
been his feelings when he signed the death warrant
of one thousand men - many of them probably
leaving widows and Orphans to be provided for?
In all trying moments, go to your Bible for
Instructions - This will greatly tend to relieve
your mind, and to heal any wound that your
Colleagues may inflict by improper conduct -