

to usurp his prerogative" And so it proved. The disastrous invasion of Russia was the beginning of the reverses, which culminated in his downfall.

John Newton on War

"At present the Kingdoms, which by their profession, should be subjects of the Prince of Peace, are perpetually disturbing, invading, & destroying each other. They live in habits of mutual fear & jealousy, & maintain great armies on all sides; that each nation may be prepared, if occasion offers, to strike the first blow. War is followed as a trade, & cultivated as a science; & they who, with the greatest diligence & success, spread devastation & ruin far & wide, & deluge the earth with human blood, acquire the title of heroes & conquerors. Can there be a stronger confirmation of what we read in Scripture concerning the depravity of man? Can we conceive an employment more suited to gratify the malignity of Satan, & the Powers of darkness, if they were permitted to appear & act among us in human shapes? Could such enormities possibly obtain, if the mild & merciful spirit of the gospel generally prevailed?

But it shall prevail at last, & then the nations shall learn war no more.

John Newton

Opinions of Distinguished Men on War

* Wellington was a Warrior, yet such was his sense of the horrors of civil war, he declared that if he could be the means of preventing even for one month of civil contest in his own country, he would sacrifice his life in order to do it.

"War is an instrument entirely inefficient towards redressing wrongs, & multiplies instead of indemnifying losses." Thomas Jefferson.

* "The sentiment, or rather the principle, that in peace you must prepare for war, is one of difficulty & danger, for while we keep large armies on hand, to preserve peace, they are at the same time incentives, & instruments of war." Louis Phillipe

* Wellington wept on the field after having won the battle of Waterloo.

He also declared "Except a battle lost nothing can be half so melancholy as a battle won. What is needed by the several governments, is such a peace as would give them the power of reducing their military establishments, & the leisure to attend to the internal concerns of their nations, & to improve the condition of their people."

"A abominable war as unchristian: I hold it as the most of human nature."