

that right are they to be commended, reflection is on them, and not on him who yielded to a good Action.

Of that part relating to prudence ab^t putting the Penal Laws into execution ag^t R. C. It was Judged here a caution necessary they had by no misbehaviour forfeited that usage of Protection, & the Protection was directed no otherways than exercised by his Majesty's Given Rule of Government, throughout his Colonies. this cannot be wrong.

The article in defence & support of the supreme Magistracy must be surely a right admonition, Especially, as you had been wrongfully attempted to be infringed upon, by reflection on y^r Mercy.

With regard to y^r raising the militia at a time of such eminent danger which you by Law had a right to do & was absolute necessary, it cannot be wrong to thank you for vigilant & good Conduct therein ag^t the Enemy the invaders of his Majesty's Crown & Dignity.

Respecting the Latter admonitions. what are the contents but only to this Effect viz. if any addresses are presented to you concern^e any matter to the chief; he desires you'l transmit them to him for his answer. & says he deem the appointment of an A. here can be no availment but that of vexatious trouble &c^e. The right is in me to redress & of which I shall not be wanting on matters Bona Fide layed before me. therefore do not suffer y^rself from false spacious pretences by Crafty designing men to impose on you & the C—l, the consequence of which would be plunging me into a Sea of troubles and of this Beware of the first Step!

It cannot be observed him to maintain his just rights & to claim a right of remonstrance to him on all matters, will they take, they cannot deprive him of his rights *Nolens Volens*, is his acquiescence of a Gratuity to be construed a deprivation of his right, he has by Royal Charter and this a Prerogative right, most certain he can bestow ag^t the Crown's right. His right to Ordinary Licences & the exercise of that right by his Noble Ancestors & allowed by the Lo. H. is full exemplified, & is Evidently maintained by the Up^r H. and apparently appears at several Periods of time set forth in the Journals of that House. from thence my mind is impressed that his right to such Licences is indubitable of right to him belonging. and the cause of my writing to you to get all things upon Record or any shape as use to maintain that right brought surprisingly into dispute. The Up^r H. both alleges—us & Council are sure in Duty to preserve such Pre—tive rights, it can't be supposed they'l join in stripping him, they who are to keep up the Land pranks—and