

L. H. J. Approbation by using our utmost Endeavours for the Strengthening and continuance thereof. Tho we must Acknowledge that we are under Some concern to find the Justice of the Legislature Question'd upon the private opinion of Some Gent of the law, when we doubt not but if the reasons that mov'd them to the passing of that Act both as to the matter and Manner of it, had been heard by Disinterested persons their opinion would have rather inclin'd their Lordships to have Confirm'd than repeal'd it. And we must declare to your Excy tis Surprizing to find that Gent so eminent for learning in the Laws of great Britain as those that have Sign'd their opinions in that case, should Assert that a Lawyers contemning the Authority and affronting the persons of the Judges he pleads before and dareing a Court of Judicature to proceed ag^t Criminals for whom he pleads and the other

p. 34^t reasons assigned in the preamble of that Law especially in his persisting in a continued course of misbehaviour were not Sufficient Causes for the Courts that were so us'd by him to barr him of his practice before them and it Seems much more Surprizeing that the Legislative body of this Province should be accused by the opinion of those Gent of being unjust and Arbitrary in their proceedings, for making a Law on the Representation of those Magistrates which only added life and vigour to their resolutions in that part.

Wee believe your Excellency was not Apprized of that law being past in the lower house without hearing the particular person, it Affected, nor of the reasons for their So doing, one of which Among many others, which we shall begg leave to remark hereafter is That tho we had good reason to believe he had notice of the first vote that past for it yet that he made no Application to be heard till after the Engrost bill came from the Upper House assented to, at which time we adjudged his proper Application lay to your Excellency it Seeming unparliamentary to call in Question a bill Solemnly past by us and another is, That the Courts before whom he pleaded haveing condemned his behaviour the Judges whereof were the proper persons to censure the behaviour of their own officers, The admittance of him to a hearing would have been calling in

p. 35 Question the veracity of those Judges without cause and making them parties or rather defendants to his Complaint in matters whereof the law made them Judges, and where the facts they Accused him of were Notorious.

Wee must begg leave on this Occasion to declare that we Apprehend the very essence of Authority and Government to be indeed so nearly concern'd in this Affair, that if there be the

^tError in paging of original record. Numbers 32 and 33 omitted.