

sufficient to serve Our purpose in the present Case and therefore we have disdained to restrain Ourselves to the Claim of less Privileges than the Parliament of England thought Sufficient since we are a Representative of the like Kind with themselves and may serve as a Construction to your word Question'd since it is plain from the Proceedings of parliament in such Cases before the making that Act and which is but declarative as well as from common Sense that Calling a Member to account or sensuring and abusing him in a Private way for his Conduct in Parliament was a Questioning of him Out of Parliament and a Breach of Privilege: And which may likewise serve as a more natural Exposition of that general Expression any Place in that Clause than that Restrained one you are pleased to put upon it. Let then us see what are the Amount of those words in our Declaration as you call it By any person whatsoever or in any manner which you say are more words added of a very Large and Extensive Signification. No Member is to be Impeached or Questioned for his Conduct in the House any where but in Parliament We presume Sir that every Impeachment or Questioning must be by some person and that if no Questioning or Impeachment ought to be out of Parliament then none Ought to be by any Person whatsoever out of Parliament and whatever Ought not to be done Out of Parliament ought not to be done in any manner out of Parliament,

Thus your Excellency may now see that those Words convey no other meaning than what is Contained in the former Proceedings of Parliament and a Proper Construction of that Act. But why then you ask where they inserted. To Explain particularly what was only Contained in the general words of that Act and the presedent Practice of Parliaments and by means to prevent any Misunderstanding in your Excellency and from thence your drawing that Conclusion which notwithstanding you have fallen into That tho a Fact was not to be done out of Parliament yet that it might be done by some Person and in some manner out of Parliament; And not for that Reason you give and which in your Opinion is the only Reason that can be assign'd to practice or rather intimidate our Constituents from ever presuming to question any Behaviour of ours in a Legislative way not even By the most humble Enquiries For Sir our Constituents know their Rights with Regard to us as well as we do Ours with Regard to you and they have too much good Sense and good manners to drive any of us to the necessity by a personal abuse of laying any Complaint before the House of a Breach of Privilege: And it is raily no Matter of doubt with us whether your Message was Calculated as an answer to Our Remonstrance with any hopes of justifying your Conduct by it Rather than to endeavour to fright and intimidate our Constituents into an apprehension of the Loss of their own Liberties by us, and by that means in case of an ensuing Election to bring a Bout such a Revolution among the Members as

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