

the least Intrusion or Indecency, your Excellency will impute it to his being but just appointed to his Office." This is an Apology for the Serjeant's Behaviour, as represented by your Excellency, but we do not think it is one for any Conduct of ours, nor do we think it needs any.

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We are far from being disposed to have it believed, that our Serjeant may at any Time, except when you are at Dinner, enter your House, and take any Person from thence we may order him; and could we have thought any Circumstance had been thrown into your Message without Meaning or Design, we should have passed over that of your being at Dinner; but common Decency obliged us, when we were apologizing to your Excellency for our Serjeant, to make the Apology as circumstantial as you had made the Accusation.

We do not know of any such Officer as a Governor's Secretary, nor ever heard of such in this Government; and therefore (and not by Way of Excuse) we spoke of the Gentleman, against whom a Warrant was given to our Serjeant, by the Name of Mr. Ridout; and we hope a new Officer is not to be created within this Government by your Excellency's Messages informing us any Gentleman is such; and we cannot look upon Mr. Ridout as any Thing more than a Gentleman supported by your Excellency, or perhaps his Lordship, for your Convenience and Assistance in Writing.

Whether we have a Right to order our Serjeant to take a Governor's Secretary into Custody, or not, it is Time enough to dispute, when there is one legally commissioned (which we apprehend cannot be without the Consent of the Legislature) and duly qualified.

We do not desire to bring your Excellency's just and constitutional Rights, while you are the Chief Branch of our Legislature, into Dispute; nor will we tamely suffer ours to be violated or infringed.

What your Excellency is pleased to observe to us, by Way of Information, as to our Rights and Privileges as one Branch of the Legislature, may be New to you, but we assure you it is not so to us. What are the Rights and Privileges of those Gentlemen, that are said to constitute another Branch, we know nothing about; as it is a Branch undevise'd in our Charter, and unknown in it's Original. We with Pleasure acknowledge, that your Excellency, as a Branch of our Legislature, has Rights and Privileges, which we have neither Power or Desire to exercise; but that you have any Servant constitutionally attendant upon you, in your Legislative Capacity, in the Discharge of your Duty, we must deny; and we hope your Excellency will never insist, that any Person not having a Commission, or Public Appointment or Nomination, or any Thing more than a bare private Appellation, and one that never even underwent the Qualification necessary to distinguish him to be a loyal Subject, that we can find, should be looked on as such; and if any Person were to be commis-

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