

Successor ; we hope it will be rejected as unknown and unconstitutional in this Government.

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We would not willingly, from what is past, conclude your Excellency has been "endeavouring to conceal any Thing from our Knowledge, which it may be proper we should know;" if the disinterested Reader should, we cannot help it. The Assistance heretofore given by you to the Lower House of Assembly, in their public Consultations, would have afforded us some Reason, to have expected you would have pursued the same Conduct now, had not this unlucky Affair of Mr. Ridout's, convinced us of the contrary; and there seems but too much Room to apprehend, that had we, before we sent to request Mr. Ridout to attend, addressed your Excellency upon the Occasion, you would have judged the Subject improper for the Knowledge of the Public, and we should have had as little Satisfaction, upon the Point of our Enquiry, as we are like to have at present.

After the View your Excellency was pleased to give us, of the Rights of the several Branches of the Legislature, with Regard to each other and your Sense of our Treatment of you, in the Person of the Gentleman you were pleased to distinguish by the Appellation of your Secretary, it is no Wonder you should conclude with intreating us to give the Matters you recommended to our Consideration an immediate Place in our Deliberations, and putting us in Mind of the heavy Load, the making suitable Provision for those Services, must necessarily lay upon the People; that it behoved us the more to lighten their Burthens, in other Respects; and that we might greatly contribute to it, by diligently attending the Public Business, and carefully avoiding all such Steps as could only tend to protract the Session; as you might possibly entertain Hopes, by that Means, totally to draw off our Attention from a Vindication of our Rights and Privileges. And we must here take the Freedom to observe, that tho' the Time spent in public Enquiries, in Endeavours for Redress of the Grievances the People labour under, and in the Support of the Rights and Privileges of this House, must necessarily lay upon them an heavy Burthen; yet, we are well assured, by the People themselves, that as they plainly see it unavoidable, they shall cheerfully submit to it, as the lesser Evil. p. 115

And, may it please your Excellency, as we have, with all the Dispatch in our Power, done what is incumbent on us, towards making Provision for the Services recommended to us, we shall hope for the full and uninterrupted Enjoyment of our Rights and Privileges, while we proceed on such other Matters as we think may tend to the public Good.

On Reading the said Address, the Question was put, Whether the House Approves thereof, or Not?

Resolved in the Affirmative.