

L. H. J. I do not pretend to say, that Mr. Llewelin was ever known by the
 Liber No. 49 Title of The Governor's Secretary, nor would it perhaps have been
 Dec. 15 known a Hundred Years hence, that Mr. Ridout went at this Time
 by that Appellation, if you had not thought proper to issue a War-
 rant for him, and, without making any previous Application to me,
 given Orders for his being brought to Answer, at the Bar of your
 House, to any Questions that you should think fit to ask him.

p. 213 Whether it is necessary that I should have a Secretary or not, I
 may I think be supposed the best Judge; and the impartial World will
 perhaps be surprized at Your making that a Question, since I did
 not ask any Thing of You for his Support. There are, I am satisfied,
 many Persons in this Province that have received great Benefit from
 my having One, and that will acknowledge he has served them without
 the least View of Advantage to himself; but if he should, on similar
 Occasions hereafter, choose to take a Quantum Meruit for his
 Trouble, you will not, I suppose, concern Yourselves about it, since
 he is not an Officer of the Government. If you had asked me, whether
 he had a Commission or not, instead of spending Time to examine
 the Provincial Records, I should, without Hesitation, have satisfied
 your Curiosity; and tho' you do not ask me, whether he has under-
 went the Qualification necessary to distinguish him to be a Loyal
 Subject, or not, I think proper to inform you, that he underwent such
 a Qualification as the Laws direct, before he accompanied me to this
 Province; and, I persuade myself, you will not imagine that his
 Principles have been since Debauched, by living in my Family.

As I would willingly avoid all Enquiries into your Rights and
 Privileges, I have not taken any Notice of your Claim of an unlimited
 Power, to call one of any other Gentleman's Family before you,
 but have only denied your Right, to call before you any of mine. The
 Power of Protecting those that reside in my House, while they offend
 not the Laws, is a Right that I can neither part with, nor suffer to be
 disputed; and I will venture to pronounce, that none of my Prede-
 cessors, when they granted the Prayer of a new Speaker, by assuring
 him "that the Members of the Lower House of Assembly should be
 free from Restraint, in their own Persons, and in their Attendants,
 during the Session," designed thereby to invest him with a Power
 of stripping them of their Attendants, whenever he should think
 proper.

But to have done with this Controversy, which I am sure I have
 been obliged to engage in much against my Inclination, I shall con-
 clude with declaring, that although I should look upon myself as
 Guilty of a Breach of Trust, were I to suffer the Rights and Privileges
 that are incident to my Station as Supreme Magistrate, to be
 trampled on; yet, I shall ever think myself bound to support the
 p. 214 Dignity of your House, as the Third Branch of our Legislature, and