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and Journals would leave them no room to Doubt, they chose therefore to wave that Matter and unable to give a better Answer to that part of our Message exclaim loudly against their infatuated Predecessors and Ancestors for not having had such foresight, been Actuated by the same kind of Spirit, or been possessed of so large a share of knowledge as these gentlemen are Pleased to think has fallen to their own Lott for had that been the case they are it seems persuaded that our Constitution would have been settled on a very different Plan from what it is at present, On such a one indeed as would have vested them selves with little less than all the Powers of Government both Legislative and Executive, But what ever may be the Sentiments of these men about Forms of Government Confident are we and we have the Satisfaction to know that we are far from being alone in this Opinion that the Alterations they would be for making in the Form Established in this Province would Contribute very little to the advancement of the true Interests and happiness of the People But on the Contrary be promotive of Tyranny and oppression, In that Opinion of Lord Chief Justice Pratt which we have already Mentioned he says when speaking of the Lower House of Assembly's Claiming a Right because it was exercised by the House of Commons; The Upper house Should take care how they Admit Encroachments of this kind where they are Supported by arguments drawn from the Exercise of like rights in the House of Commons here the Constitutions of the two Assemblies differ Fundamentally in many Respects, our House of Commons stands upon its Own Laws the *Lex Parliamenti*; whereas Assemblies in the Colonies are Regulated by their respective Charters Usages and the Common Law of England and will never be allowed to assume all those priviledges which the House of Commons are intituled to justly here upon Principles that neither can nor must be applied to the Assemblies of the Colonies and again in the same Opinion I shall only add here a general peice of Advice to Lord Baltimore That in this disposition of the Lower House to assume to themselves any Priviledge which the English House of Commons enjoy here his Lordship should resist all such attempts where they are unreasonable with Firmness and should never allow any Encroachment to be established upon the weight of that argument singly; for I am satisfied neither the Crown nor the Parliament will ever suffer these Assemblies to erect themselves into the Power and authority of the British House of Commons how little regard the Gentlemen pay to this Opinion their Proceedings & their Message shew there are some among them who want to exercise without Control Powers that far exceed any Claims of the British House of Commons such as if they were to be once admitted would we are Persuaded in the End prove fatal to this County: We are Satisfied (say the Lords of Trade in their Report on the Pensylvania Acts of Assembly which were about two years ago dissented to) that there is nothing so