

stand, I have done with regard to them, which was to Fort Cumberland, from the best accounts I have been able to procure; but that does not come to be the question; for if they will consider what has happened in almost all the other Provinces, they will find they are single in the opinion of the King's power of marching the Provincial troops into other Provinces, &c."

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I beg his Lordship's pardon, for not inserting the whole of his letter, which so finely and fairly illustrates that part of the bill and address, which seems to interfere with his Majesty's Prerogative. I omit the latter end only for brevity sake. p. 140

Does not this letter of his Lordship prove beyond a doubt the rectitude of the measures of the Upper House, and the justness of their reprehensions, whenever they found the Lower House wrong-headedly attempting the least infringement of his Majesty's Royal Prerogative. It is allowed that if the bill prepared and offered by the Lower House had passed into a law, it would have been a direct violation of the King's Prerogative, and the wisdom of the Upper House in rejecting it is highly applauded. Yet this anonymous scribbler, this hardy champion for the Lower House, dares publicly avow their proceedings in this very case, and endeavours to cast an odium on the Upper House, for their having watchfully guarded the rights of the Crown, and too mildly reprehended the Lower House for their endeavours by that bill to subvert them.

As the Upper House is composed of men of such sagacity and honour, they are fit subjects, and true servants of the King; the properest persons to form the Upper House and the Lord-Proprietor's Council, and may well be esteemed the guardians of the people's rights and privileges. These men will never suffer the Royal Prerogative to be broke in upon, nor the power delegated by Charter to be lopped, nor the people's rights to be trampled on. And the writer quotes page 52 [p. 398] an extract from the report of the Lords of trade on the Pennsylvania acts, as urged by the Upper to the Lower House. p. 141

"We are satisfied, that there is nothing so likely to preserve the tranquility of the Province itself, or its dependence upon the mother country, as the maintaining with a strict and steady hand, the necessary power and just Prerogatives of the Crown, and the preferring an uniform and settled principle of Government, to an occasional departure from it, for temporary convenience. Every day's experience convinces us, that it is in vain to negotiate away his Majesty's Prerogatives; every new concession becomes a new demand, and that, my Lords, of some new dispute."—Observe how he quibbles upon this home application of the Upper to the Lower House, viz. "Every proposition, says he, in this part of the report, I believe all the inhabitants of Maryland will very readily assent p. 142