

nity & Authority of his Office, but if either of these should endeavor
to overleap the ^{other} Part & to render them contemptible, it behoves him
to oppose such an Attempt; The Practice of calling the Magistrates &
others before the Lower House for real or pretended Offences or Neglects
is but of late Date & if not timely checked must destroy our Consti-
tution. Whether what the Lower House took Occasion at this time
to say about the Upper ought to be attributed to Ignorance or a worse
motive I leave You to judge, but to whatever Cause their unaccountable
Declaration ~~was~~ was at this time owing, I have, I hope, given them
such an Answer as will prevent a Repetition of it - It will be more
easy for You to conceive than for me to say what might have been
the Consequence of such a Doctrine being generally believed here as
"that the Upper House is no Part of our Constitution" a Doctrine
that the People I mean the Lower Class of them which are a
great Majority would readily swallow because they are taught
by the ^{Provs.} Gazettes that there is no such Branch of the Legisla-
-ture in that Gov^t. It is from that Quarter that all our Fine Schemes
are imported, to the Proceedings of the Assembly of that Province & as
few well disposed Persons among ourselves I am indebted for all the
Trouble that I have at times met with. It is not enough for them
to be a Democracy themselves but they would willingly have their
neighbours in the same Situation, however I congratulate myself
on being vested with a Power which M^r Denny wants & I flatter
myself that by my Steadiness & Integrity I shall convince every
Man of common Understanding among us that the Peoples Li-
-berty & Properties would become very precarious if the Lower