

& encouraged ours, & His L^{dy} by ordering me to displace one of His Off
cers (who indeed was no better than he should be) gave them a Leader
who together with a numerous Family of which he was one spared no
Pains to impose on the People & make them jealous of all that were concerned
in the Administration. All those among Us who had been either disgraced
by the Proprietary or his Ancestors, my Predecessors or myself, for their Demerits
All who had been in any manner baulked or disappointed immediately
joined the Cry, & I believe several whose Duty should have led them
to act a different Part privately encouraged the Faction, the People in
general being Swellers in their Principles & impatient of Rule were easily
persuaded to think the worst of their Superiours in Authority, having no
concern about the Reputation of the Province, & being indifferent whether
the Inhabitants were thought Loyal or rebellious, thought their Repre-
sentatives could not go too great Lengths, nay they flattered themselves
that they could bring things into such Confusion as would render it
absolutely necessary & expedient for the Crown to assume the Govern^t. But
after all what have the Malignants been able to do, whenever they have
thought fit to attack me (which I conceive they have done as often
as they could find any Pretence) I may I think without Vanity say
they have been foiled or confuted, nor have they in general come off
better in the Contests they have had with the Gent^l of the Upper House
& two of them being dead the others are at length so jaded & dispirited
that I am persuaded they will not hold out much longer at least that
a Majority in the House will grow cool & that I shall at length see
the Proverb fulfilled which tells us that after a Storm cometh
a calm. They have learnt from Experience that I am not to be
triumphed