

To Employ the best of my Ability that may and should
Continue most cheerfully so to do if I might with Honour but
where mens names in such Stations as Oblige them to the con-
servation of the peace are Treated in all Conversations (where
they are absent) by the Bare terms of little mean
follows and Taxed with such Vilainous things as I now am
by a petition put into the Lower house, and the parties so libel-
ling and Accusing will not bring those things to the Test
I cant Conceive how I am to do my self Justice without a
Manifest Breach of the Oaths I have taken. I cant but
think my self an ever pageant of paint board while I sit
in those Stations and must suffer such Barbarous affronts
Good Sir, give me Leave to Tell your Excellency That I am
Shure would never have made me the better for a penny-
had in the world if he had thought I had poorness
of Spirit to suffer such usage Where this party of
People (for they are but a party tho' I fear a Very forma-
dible one) has Encouragement to use men in publick Stations
at this Rate I don't pretend to judge but must Do your Excy
the Justice (as I am Shure the world will, to Declare I am
well Satisfied it is not from you and since Experience
tells us the Governmt is not to right men in things of this
Nature, Necessity Obliges me to make it my most humble
request to your Excy that you will be pleased to put
the favourable an Interpretation on this as not to look
upon it out of any Disrespect to your Administration
that I humbly begg you will Discharge me from all
Offices I am now Concerned in which I shall always
most Thankfully acknowledge as great favour, as I do