

admitted a Propriety in the Expression you use, " That the Crown thought " fit to place us under. " But we take Leave to observe, That the Crown had no Right to give us other Conditions than in common with our Fellow-Subjects, nor to place us here or elsewhere, but by our own Consents: And we hope you will not take it ill, that we again remind your Lordship, we are His Majesty's Subjects, and have equal Right with others to breathe *British* Air, and that your Lordship's Prerogatives, and your Tenants Priviledges, are both dependant on the same Royal Grant, and that your Lordship and we are both Subjects to One just and gracious Prince, who will not countenance the Abuse of his People in the remotest Corner of his Dominions: And therefore we beg your Lordship will give your Secretary better Impressions of us than to treat us so much like Men that owe their Lives and Liberties only to your Charter.

We beg your Lordship to be persuaded, that We shall quietly submit to every Thing we ought to submit to, but we cannot promise further; we only contend for the Preservation of our Constitution, and to be govern'd according to the same Rules of Government as our Predecessors were; and if this be not opposed, we shall give your Lordship no Cause to think us turbulent or troublesome.

May it please your Lordship,

VII, VIII, IX, X. We doubt not his most gracious Majesty's Goodness and Justice to any of his Plantations, nor but that what he has done in the Case of *Jamaica* mentioned by your Lordship, has been by wise and good Counsels (May your Lordship always proceed in your Administration by the like.) But as the Trade, Scituation, Climate, Soil and Constitution of *Jamaica*, are widely different from ours; so perhaps may be their Laws, and the Institution of their Government. His Majesty's great Goodness in dissenting to that Act, lest it should hurt them by introducing Laws they never had experienc'd, that might be inconvenient to them, seems vastly different from what your Lordship offers as a Parity, viz. The excluding us from the Benefit of those Laws we have always had, and experienced with Satisfaction; as inseparable from our Constitution. They attempt an Alteration of their Constitution, by bringing the Statutes of *England* amongst them, as it seems by what your Lordship tells us: We insist on preserving our Constitution by keeping the Statutes of *England* among us, in the same manner we have always had them: We hope your Lordship sees the Difference. Your Lordship had been very fortunate in using Words in your Instructions so agreeable to his Majesty's, had they been applied like His; But his Majesty's are, to allow *Jamaica* to introduce such Statutes of *England* as they had not, if he should think them reasonable: Your Lordship's, in effect are, that we should enact, *De novo*, Statutes enacted for us *Ab Antiquo*, in order to introduce them here, which always have been here; and you are pleased to add, " It would be happy for us all to conduct ourselves accordingly: " We submit this to your Lordship's further Consideration.

XI. As your Lordship is pleased in the Eleventh Paragraph of your Speech communicated to us, to give an Absit to your attempting any Alteration of such Laws, Rules, Customs and Usages, as are undoubted, certain, constantly adhered to and known among us, unless for the common Good at our Request in general Assembly; And, as by the *Resolves* of the late Assembly agreed to unanimously by both Houses, and again unanimously agreed to by this present New elected House, and by other publick Proceedings,