

readily and naturally suggested to us the Idea of a Minister as mentioned in our Message.

You endeavour to state a Case as plausibly as you can for the Consideration of the Publick; but if you will be so Candid as to allow the Upper House Capable of being Actuated by any Principles of Honour, and Justice, and Reason, in Matters where his Lordship is concerned, your whole Reasoning falls to the Ground; nor have we as yet denied a Passage to any other Bill for an Agent, but that One in the shape you sent it up to us.

You affirm that this House told you, “ You shou’d not have that Bill, unless you let the Governor and Us have as well the Nomination of the Persons to be made use of on this Occasion, as to determine What should be paid them for their Trouble.”

We are really astonished, and truly concerned, that any Warmth should have transported you to that Assertion; All that we Contended for was a joint Nomination with you as in other Governments: These are our Words,

“ That the Concurrence of the Governor and Upper House should be made necessary in the Nomination and Appointment of the Person designed for that Employment, and that the Agents on Behalf of other Plantations are generally Nominated by the Legislature or Government;” And surely there may be such a Person found, as to be Unexceptionable in the Judgment of every Part of the Legislature, and very Proper for the Trust by that Bill to be reposed in him.

As to the Reproach you mention, to be not only on your House, but on all the Province, We can with the greatest Truth, in the most solemn Manner assure you, it was so far from our Intentions to couch any Reproach either on your House or this Province under the Word *Relative to a Guardian*, that one of our Reasons for Rejecting that Bill, was, lest the whole Legislative Power, and the Province, should be reproached with that Relative Word, by the Passing that Bill into a Law; and therefore if any Reproach could possibly arise from any Parts of that Bill, it ought not to be imputed to this House, which neither Formed or Passed that Bill, but Rejected it.

We cannot believe the World will be so easily Imposed on, as you imagine: It is very certain, the bare possibility of Betraying a Trust ought to have little Weight against Committing a Trust; but it is not less certain, that it is the height of Imprudence to intrust any Person with such an Authority, and Fund of Money, as may Tempt and Enable them to Betray that Trust; and that the World may clearly see what we objected to the Bill on this Head, we must take the Liberty of mentioning some Parts of the Bill; which in one part of it directs, “ that Mr. *Hyde* (in whose Hands the Money is to be lodged) “ shall pay such Money to “ such Person or Persons as the Trustees so to be appointed as aforesaid,