

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, or the " *survivor or survivors* of them, shall by Writing under their Hands Order " and Direct the same, and *not Otherwise*." And then the last Clause in these Words, *viz.* " And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Money arising by the Duty aforesaid, shall be applied " towards the Payment of an Agent to be Employed for this Province to " reside at *London in Great Britain*, and *to such other Uses and Pur-* " *poses* as shall from Time to Time be thought Necessary by the " *Trustees* aforesaid, or the survivors of them, and not otherwise." Now let us consider the Duration, Power and Temptation, which the Trustees must have had under such a Law: First as to their Duration, we say, they could not have been removed from the Trusteeship during the Continuance of that Law; for after the Speaker had once executed his Authority of signifying under his Hand the Appointment of the Trustees, there could not be another Appointment before all the Trustees should be Dead, because the other Parts, and the last Clause of the Bill, expressly direct, the Trust to be Executed by the *survivors or survivor*: Secondly, as to their Power, it is without Bounds, they might have done either as much or as little as they pleased; nor is there one thing taken notice of in the Bill as the proper Business of the Trustees, except Fingering the Money, and making some Application of it (but how much is not mentioned) towards Payment of an Agent; so that one would be apt to imagine, this Bill had been calculated principally to gratify these same Trustees: Thirdly, let us examine how they might Compliment each other out of this Fund, without ever being Accountable for any Embezzlement or Misapplication. The *Six Pence* per Hoghead intended to be raised by this Bill may be calculated to