

course with your Honours for the future, wherefore we shall only in general observe on yours of Yesterday by *George Plater*, Esq; that the Granting of Money, as well as raising the proper Funds for the Repaying it, is the peculiar Privilege and Right of this House, nor have your Honours offered any Reasons sufficient to induce us to alter that Fund.

We should have been glad your Honours had pointed out wherein his Lordship's Right to Fines for Ordinary Licences consists, when there is no Law in being for that purpose; if those had been heretofore given to the Proprietaries, their Governors or Secretaries, it was doubtless as a Gratuity for Services done and Favours received by the People, but surely there cannot be the like claim for such or any other Gift or Gratuity at a Time when we labour under intolerable Aggrievances, and have lost our temporary and useful Laws, unless we would Buy or Bargain for them, for want of which the People are left a prey to Officers and subjected to many Extortions and Inconveniencies: And altho' it may be true that an Ordinary Bill is not so necessary as you have heretofore insisted when you expected the Application of the Monies to his Lordship, yet we think the urgent necessity of raising Money for his Majesty's Service is a sufficient reason for such a Law at this Time.

We are truly sorry that your Honours should so far forget that Temper and Moderation so often recommended to both Houses, as to let private Prejudice and personal Reflections have any share in your Publick Proceedings; As neither you nor we can judge of Men's Hearts by any other Rule than their Actions, we cannot in Justice to the Character of Doctor *Carroll* but say, that from his whole Deportment as a Member of this House, as well as his Behaviour in private Life since his Recantation from the Church of *Rome*, he appears to us to be a Person firmly attached to his Majesty's Person and Government, and a strenuous Assertor of the Rights of those who have chosen him one of their Representatives. Had we an Inclination, from your Honours Example, to be Personal, we might with equal Justice turn your Argument against a Personage greatly concerned in our Administration, we might suggest great Dangers from the conjunction of a Sheriff who has the Command of the Posse, and the Keeper of our Arms and Magazine, in the same County, both late Converts from Popery, and who probably possess those Places with your Honours Approbation: But those Things being generally looked on in any Debates, either as Signs of a bad Cause, or want of Abilities to support a good One, as well as unbecoming in themselves, we shall always take care to avoid them; and as that Gentleman lives convenient for executing the Trust reposed in him by the Bill, we see no reason for an Alteration, being well assured he will perform it with Fidelity and Reputation.