

Common, which secure to the *Subject*, the Right of a Subject, as inseparably incident to those Rights; that the Right to the Liberties, and Privileges; and the Benefit of the Laws, have the same Foundation: And therefore, If we may be deprived of any Part of that Right, without our Consent, or our being convict of any Crime, whereby to forfeit it? We may, by the same Reason, and Authority, be deprived of some other Part; and this, will naturally render the Whole, uncertain; and our Lives, Liberties, and Properties, *Precarious*.

I have no Notion of a Certainty, in any Thing, that I hold by so slender a Tenure, as the Will of another; but think it vain, and arrogant, to call it *Mine*.

THOSE, that would vouchsafe Us the Benefit of the Common Law, but would entirely deprive Us of the Benefit of *any of the Statutes*, would leave Us in a *poor Condition*, with Regard to our *Liberties*: For *all the Rights*, which the *English Subject* was entitled to, by the *Common Law*, were at Times, invaded by Men of Power, and Authority; and the very *Invasions* themselves called by the *Iniquity of Men, and Time*, the *Law of the Land*: And *that very Law*, which was calculated, and instituted, for the *Defence, and Safeguard, of Property*; perverted to the *Destruction of Property*. By the *Law of Nature*, All Men were *equal*; and by *that Law*, the *Law of Reason*, and the *revealed Law of God*, Men are enjoyned, to treat One Another, with *Humanity, Justice, and Integrity*.

YET, such has been, and is, the Depravity of Human Nature; and so little, has the Love of Equity, and Justice, prevailed among Men; that the excellent Rules, which the Laws already mention'd dictate, have not been sufficient to keep them, within *just Bounds*, or to restrain them, from treating one Another, with the *greatest Cruelties* imaginable: Whence, it became *absolutely necessary*, to make some further Provision by *positive Laws*;

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