

ter, are put into the same State, and Condition, that their Fellow-Subjects residing in *England* are in, as to their *Rights* and *Liberties* : And, as it is already (I humbly conceive) proved, that the Benefit of the Statute, as well as the Common-Law, is the *only* Bulwark, and *sure* Defence of the Subject's Life, Liberty, and Property ; I would ask this one short Question,—How the People of *Maryland*, can have the Benefit of what is granted them by the Charter, if they are deprived of the Means, *viz.* The Benefit of *All* the Laws that are necessary to secure them, in the Enjoyment of what is granted ?

I T seems very strange to me, that any One in his Senses, should imagine it out of the Prince's Power to treat his Subjects in this remote Part of his Dominions, with Mercy, Clemency, and Tenderneſs ; or to confer ſo great a Favour on them, as the Laws of their Mother Country : But that he may treat them with Rigour and Severity : This, as ſtrange as it ſeems, hath been advanced by an eminent Lawyer, as I am inform'd : And others, of leſs Knowledge, relying (I ſuppoſe) on his Authority, and Judgement, have given into the ſame wild Sentiments : I ſhall uſe no other Arguments to confute ſuch extravagant Notions, ſo void of Loyalty, and Common Senſe, but a Paſſage out of the celebrated Mr. *Waller's* Speech, in Parliament ; wherein, he *elegantly* expoſes ſome Men's Notions of the Law, not unlike thoſe whom I have been ſpeaking of, in relation to the King's Power : “ As if the Law, ſays he, was in Force for the Deſtruction of the Subjects, and not for their Preſervation ; that it ſhould have Power to kill, but not to protect them : A Thing, no leſs horrid, than if the Sun ſhould burn Us, without lighting Us ; or the Earth ſerve only to bury, and not to feed and nourish Us !

I T may, probably, be ſuppoſed, that I give up the firſt Right, I mentioned ; by laying ſo great a Streſs on that which is deriv'd from the Charter :—But I am far from it,—For I ſhould think the Right *good*, had the Charter never been made ; as were the Rights