

Friend to *Maryland*, and a Friend to Truth, with a small Share of Sensibility, his Disgust at any seeming Acrimony, or Intemperance of Expression, will vanish, when he has duly weighed and considered the Provocation.

Their Honours very unfortunately set out with two Allegations against the Message of the Lower House.—

First, *That they set up for an unrivalled Zeal for His Majesty's Service.*

Secondly, *That they arrogate to themselves the Rights and Powers of a British House of Commons.*

First, I have perused the Message of the Lower House over and again, and cannot find any Passage in it claiming an *unrivalled Zeal* for His Majesty's Service. It seems to me, that their Honours have set out with a Resolution to be very prolix and long-winded, and to be determined, whenever the Message does not afford them sufficient Matter for Declamation, to supply the Defect by Fictions of their own, imputed to the Lower House, without the least Colour of Evidence. I shall not dispute their Right to treat the Creatures of their own Imagination in any Manner they think proper, but it is very hard that they should lay at the Door of others their own legitimate Issue, because it happens to be deformed. To an Allegation unsupported by Evidence, a bare Denial is a sufficient Answer, and therefore I shall decline saying any Thing on this Head, until some Passages out of the Message of the Lower House be produced to shew, *that they*