

Vehemence of Affeuration, which is so apt to impose on the Minds of the Unthinking. How little to be envied is a Performance, the Labour of *nine* Days, when the whole may be refuted by a bare Denial. The Passage in Question might well be excused, for this Reason, from any Notice, had there not been an Allegation in it, which seems to have been inserted with a peculiar Malignity of Design; and that is, *that the Lower House, by the Bill, have endeavoured to destroy His Majesty's Prerogatives.* Upon the most diligent Attention to the Bill, in all its Parts, I cannot find the least Foundation for this Charge. In short, it seems so entirely groundless, that I might safely leave it, to be confuted by itself, to every Man of common Understanding in the Province; but it will be necessary to make some Remarks upon it, since the View of the Authors seems to extend to a remoter Region, where an Assertion, uttered with so much Confidence, might have some Chance of gaining Credit, though at the Expence of being branded, in this Part of the World, with the just Appellation of the most shameful Contempt of Truth, and the most virulent Malice. What other Motive could their Honours have, in taxing the Representative Body of *Maryland* with an Attempt to trample upon His Majesty's Prerogatives, but to render the Province odious in the Eyes of our Mother Country, by representing their Delegates as little better than Rebels and Traitors. This Message, as I observed before, was thrown in just as the Assembly was rising, and after the Lower House had given the

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