

secure them to his Interest, I need only mention, what I believe will hardly be contradicted, that out of the twelve Counsellors (which is the full Compliment) ten of them enjoy, from their various Appointments, to the Amount, at a moderate Computation, of *Four Thousand Pounds Sterling per Annum, and their Commissions are all during Pleasure.*

Let the considerate Reader now judge, with what Reason the Upper House could shew so much Resentment at the Declaration of the Lower House, that they were *a dependent Branch of Legislature*; and how the Imputation becomes more ridiculous, because the earliest Establishment of the Constitution was in its present Form.—

The Evil, by Length of Time, has become inveterate, and perhaps irremediable, without the Interposition of a superior Power; but the Objection to their Dependence can never be weakened by it. If it be true then, that the Upper House derive their Existence from the Proprietary Appointment, that their Continuance in that Capacity depends on his Will and Pleasure, and that all, or a very great Majority of them, hold very lucrative Employments under him, I think, without descending to a particular Recital of their Conduct, it must follow, not that they are the *Guardians of the Peoples Rights*, but that they are as dependent upon the Proprietor, as the Love of Power, or the Motive of Interest, can possibly make any Body of Men. But I have no Occasion to confine myself to speculative Arguments, derived from the Nature of their Constitution, to shew