

*Peoples Rights*, it is a Proposition rather too hard of Digestion; no Man can assent to it, without renouncing common Sense, and contradicting Facts which most glaringly evince the contrary. In vain therefore do their Honours deal out such soothing Speeches as this; " We know that the " Inhabitants of this Province in general are an " honest, well-meaning People, as loyal Subjects " as any in His Majesty's Dominions, and en- " dowed with a Spirit *conducive* to His Majesty's " Service, to the utmost of their Abilities; but " we are sorry to say, at the same time, that " they are misled by the Influence of very un- " faithful Guides:" In vain, I say, do they pour out such plaintive moving Strains as these; The People of *Maryland* will not discard these Guides, and rely upon pretended *Guardians and Protectors*, till they become as blind and infatuated as the simple Flock in the Fable, which being mollified and ensnared by Speeches, exactly in the Strain of their Honours just quoted, were prevailed upon to exchange their faithful Dogs for ravening Wolves.—I would not be understood, by any Thing that has been said, as if no Gentleman in that Station could be a Friend to his Country; but the Position I controvert is, that the Gentlemen of that Branch are so, from the Nature of their Constitution.—Men there are of such invincible Integrity, that no View of Profit, or Incentive of Ambition, can seduce them from the Duty they owe to their Country, nor do I deny that there are such at present in the Council; but such a Conduct must flow from their personal