

have forfeited every Pretension to the least Degree of Esteem in the Eyes of their Countrymen.

In the last Paragraph of their Honours Message, I find this curious and remarkable Passage ;——

“ This House (meaning the Upper House)
 “ was by your Ancestors erected, *with a View to*
 “ *check and restrain the boundless Powers* their Re-
 “ presentatives might otherwise be disposed to ex-
 “ ercise over them, and consequently to judge,
 “ and pursuant thereto exert our Powers, when-
 “ ever we see Occasion to prevent their Ruin.”——

A Licence to assert just what they please, seems to be one of the peculiar Privileges of these Gentlemen ; but they exercise it with so little Caution and Reserve, that the Imposition is generally too glaring and obvious to require much Pains in detecting.——I must trouble the Reader with the Act itself *for settling the House of Assembly by two distinct Houses*, as I find it quoted by the Governor, in a Message to the Lower House in 1757, which is as follows :——

“ Be it enacted by the Lord Proprietor, with
 “ the Advice and Consent of his Council, and
 “ Burgeses of this Province, now assembled,
 “ that this *present Assembly, during the Continu-*
 “ *ance* thereof, be held by Way of Upper and
 “ Lower House, to sit in two distinct Rooms
 “ apart, *for the more convenient Dispatch of the*
 “ *Business therein to be consulted of*, and that the
 “ Governor and Secretary, and any one or more
 “ of the Council for the Upper House, and Mr.
 “ *John Hatch, Mr. Walter Beane, Mr. John*
 “ *Modley, Mr. William Brough, Mr. Robert Ro-*
 “ *bins,*