

Liberties of the People; in one Word, to be stigmatized with every opprobrious Appellation, which Malice and Falshood can suggest, and at the same Time to be deprived of an Opportunity of defending themselves, would be a Proof of such general Lukewarmness in the Cause of Liberty, as to render the Province undeserving of so great a Blessing.

To confute these Calumnies, and to obviate the ill Impressions which they might make on our Fellow Subjects, is a Task surely of the highest Importance to the Country, and if the Freedom with which I have done it may be thought an *extream Measure*, let those be answerable who have, by furnishing an *extream Necessity* for it, afforded me so solid a Justification.—I must take some other Opportunity to remark upon their Honours Address to the Governor, which has the same righteous Object in View, that of representing the Majority of the Lower House in the respectable Lights of both Fools and Knaves.—I fully intended to have made some few Observations upon it, in the Course of these Remarks; but the Abundance of Matter, afforded by the Message, has already swelled this Performance to a much greater Bulk than I at first intended, and I am afraid tired my Readers Patience.—From what has appeared of the Spirit of these Gentlemen, in their Remarks, I presume such of my Readers as are unacquainted with the Subject, will not be very forward in entertaining an ill Opinion of the Lower House, upon the mere Credit of their Assertions in the Address; and those