

Vehemence of Affeſeration, which is ſo apt to impoſe on the Minds of the Unthinking. How little to be envièd 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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