

*sequent upon ALL the Powers of Government being lodged in the Hands of the Lower House.*

*That the Lower House would give no Assistance, unless purchased at the extravagant Price of His Majesty's Prerogatives, and the Peoples Liberties thrown into their Hands by the Bill.*

*That the total Subversion of our present Constitution was intended by the Bill, and lodging the several Powers thereof in the Hands of the Lower House.*

If those Charges can be fixed on the Lower House, I think their Conduct liable to the severest Censures, and the Men who have been instrumental in promoting such Measures, deserve the most signal Marks of His Majesty's Displeasure, as well as the Contempt and Abhorrence of all their Fellow Subjects. But if, on the other hand, these hardy Allegations are not to be supported by any Thing in the Bill, what do their Honours deserve for such cruel and ungenerous Misrepresentations? Could nothing less gratify their Spleen against a particular Sett of Men, who happen to differ from them in political Sentiments, than the Imputation of Schemes and Designs *to strip His Majesty of His Prerogatives, and to subvert the present Constitution?* What is this short of charging the Representatives of the People of *Maryland* with being downright Traitors and Rebels? When Parties run high (which, God knows, is the unhappy Case of *Maryland* at present) great Allowance is to be made for the sudden and extemporaneous Starts of Passion, in the personal Contests and Altercations which may happen among the Abettors of different political Opinions ;