

nions ; but in this Case there is no such alleviating Circumstance. A Body of Men, a Branch of Legislature, distinguished by the Appellation of The Honourable, affecting, in Point of Constitution, a Similarity with the House of Peers of *Great-Britain*, and claiming higher comparative Privileges than they pretend to exercise, after a profound and solemn Deliberation of *nine Days*, are at last delivered of a low, pitiful Rhapsody, teeming with *Billingsgate* Invective, contemptible for a Diction perplexed, creeping and insipid, and totally void of Argument, Truth, and Parliamentary Decorum. *Similes habent labra lactucas* ; such Lips, such Lettuce, said the Philosopher, on seeing an Ass mumbling a Thistle ; such a Subject, such Penmen, say I ; in Truth they are well matched, and God grant so wretched a Cause may never find more able Advocates. If the Objects of the Bill had been *a total Subversion of the Constitution, the Destruction of His Majesty's Prerogatives, and a Ujuration of all the Powers of Government*, I dare say they would not have escaped the Animadversions of the Penmen in 1758, who would have been as quick-sighted in spying such exceptionable Passages, and as ready in pointing them out precisely, and exposing their fatal Tendency, by apposite Remarks and Arguments, as the Authors of the present Message have been hardy in imputing them, without the least Colour of Evidence, to the Lower House. There is, I will venture to assert, nothing in the Bill, which can give any Countenance to the Charge of encroaching upon Prerogative, or