

fringed the *Parliamentary Rights* of the other Branches, in not admitting them to an equal Share in the Nomination of Commissioners, because, says he, “ it is *unreasonable* for one Branch “ of the Legislature to assume a Power of taxing “ the other, by Officers of their single Appointment.” This, I say, can have no Relation to any Thing but *the Parliamentary Privilege*, in this Instance, reciprocally subsisting between the several Branches, and can, by no Torture of Expression, be construed to extend to an Invasion of the *Prerogative*, which is always exercised independently of either Branch.—I cannot help making one Remark upon an Expression in the Opinion of the Attorney General, and that is the Word *unreasonable*, applied to the Conduct of the Lower House. One would have thought, that a Person who is so peculiarly obliged, by the Duties of his Office, to guard the Prerogatives of His Majesty, in animadverting upon a Passage, which the Upper House must make the Basis of their Charge, would have made Use of an Epithet better adapted to that Spirit of Undutifulness and Disloyalty, which their Honours have so freely imputed to the Lower House, had there been, in his Opinion, the least Foundation for it. As I think I have, to the Conviction of every unprejudiced Understanding, cleared the Lower House from the Imputation above mentioned, I hope I shall stand acquitted of unjustifiable Acrimony, when I declare that their Honours, *or rather the few by whose Opinions they are directed*, have, in this Instance, departed from the Character of