

obnoxious to the Province, to become a Member of their *illustrious* Body. They should have given some Indications of a Spirit to support their own Dignity and Weight, in which they are so much interested, before they can rationally expect from the People the least Credit to the warmest Professions of Regard for their Interest, to which they have no Sort of political Tie. They should have acted upon the good old Maxim—*Principiis obsta*, and firmly remonstrated against so insulting a Measure, instead of whispering their Complaints and Discontents in a Corner. They should have considered, that the Influence of Example is generally from bad to worse, and that the next Step (according to the Rules of Gradation) might probably have ushered into his Lordship's Council some of that respectable Body of Men, vulgarly called Footmen; so that in Time the *honest, well-meaning People of Maryland*, might be blessed with most hopeful *Guardians and Protectors*. A spirited Representation to the Proprietor, or a reasonable Seccession from the Board, must have defeated this little Upstart Favourite, degraded him to his primæval Meanness and Obscurity, and prevented in future the like Attempts upon the Honour of the Proprietor, the Dignity of Government, and that Rank and Character which their Honours ought to endeavour to support in the State. Had they acted in this Manner, they would have given a much stronger Proof of their Independency, than by the most vehement verbal Declarations.—But as to their Claim of being the *constitutional Guardians and Protectors of the Peoples*