

particular Session, and expired with it; so that their Honours Right (from any Thing that has been yet published to the World) depends solely upon the Connivance or Acquiescence of the other two Branches, and not upon any positive Establishment.

The next Passage in their Honours Message, which I shall take the Freedom of remarking upon, is this;—“ The several Legislatures in *British America* (except one or two at most) consist of three Branches, and the middle Branch (three Instances only excepted) is appointed in like Manner with ourselves.” In order to support this Position, it is incumbent on their Honours to prove that the Middle Branch, in the Colonies they allude to, is appointed by a Subject, and from the Nature of their Constitution entirely *under his Influence and Controul*; for an Appointment from His Majesty will not prove the Similarity, a Point not to be insisted on without some Degree of Irreverence. If we were under the Government of the Crown immediately, a middle Branch would be a Blessing, because they could be under no possible Bias to pursue Schemes destructive to the Interests of the Country. The King would be the Father of His People, and would rejoice in their Felicity, instead of fostering Schemes for His own personal Emolument, to the Oppression and Impoverishment of the Community; their Honours could not take more effectual Steps to recommend themselves to the Favour of their Royal Constituent, than by cooperating heartily for the public Good, and might then,