

have my legal Dues; That therefore my numbering myself among some of the poorest of the Clergy, who confessedly have had less advantages for improving their Circumstances than myself, may not be imputed altogether to that Want of Oeconomy, and an extravagant Way of Living, too fashionable in the Colony. I will endeavour to give some other Account of it, besides the smallness of the Provision at the best for the Clergy. I was out near Two Hundred Pounds Current Money, to be valued by the Exchange as it stood some Years ago, in Damages sustained on my Glebe, for want of Necessaries to make it properly mine, and in providing the said necessaries against future ravages; for which I never desired any return. It has cost me a considerable Sum out of my *own* Pocket, in contending to make other Professors, as well as myself, useful at the College, in endeavouring to obtain for them, so much Command over their Pupils, and the Servants of the College, as is necessary for the Education of the former; and that the Masters may not be deprived, without a Hearing for no Crime alledged, but that of Sickness, or that of not contradicting any Law of the Society. This I may perhaps take some other Opportunity to enlarge upon for the information of the Reader. I have had some Losses by Sea, my Tobacco having been sometimes taken by the Enemy; and it never enter'd into my Head, that the Assembly, or any Body else, were to make up the Damage to me; but I thought it my Duty to bear the cross Accidents of Life without repining. I have made these Pleas, as not desiring to be thought either ashamed or proud of my Poverty; though, of the Two, I would rather chuse to have Occasion for the latter, than the former. When Poverty is brought upon us by our own Fault intirely, or moves us to mean behaviour under it, we have Reason to be ashamed of it; it is truly disgraceful. There is no knowing how