

Yes, says the Colonel, we did not chuse the tedious employment of inquiring too minutely into the Real Necessity, it was difficult to make every body, who was advantaged by it, pay to the relief of it; there was a Lion in the Way; and therefore, to save Time and Trouble, it was necessary to go beyond the Demands of Real Necessity, as far as, in what Manner, and for what Purposes, we pleased. He might as well say, that when he wants a Coat for a Pigmy, he will direct his Taylor to take Measure of a Giant: Or, that in such a Situation, he will order Cloth enough for a Giant, lest the Taylor should complain for want of Cabbage. And why not? when the Cloth is not only to cost him Nothing, but he is also to go Snacks with the Taylor in the Cabbage. However, they who suffer by such severe attacks upon the Cloth, cannot help wishing, that he would be more sparing of it; and may well take up the speech of the poor Frogs in the Fable, who could not pop their Heads above Water with safety, and tell the pelting Boys, *This is Sport to you, Young Gentlemen, but it is Death to us.*

But let us try what can be made of this always suspicious Plea of Necessity; this Plea, constantly used in unjustifiable Cases, when nothing else can be said; this Plea, upon which Col. *Bland* rests his whole Defence. Let us try, I say, what can be made of it, when admitted for Argument's sake in the utmost Extent that Col. *Bland* can desire. Col. *Bland* allows, that an Act, *interfering with one confirm'd by the King, and passed without a suspending Clause, can be justify'd by the most pressing Necessity alone.* Four Acts complain'd of, agree in the peccant Circumstances and the justifying Occurrence, by which alone according to him such Acts can be justify'd, is urged only,