

Slavery into the Colony than is to be found there at present; if the Argument about the Constitution be rightly urged; if the Clergy can make a Breach in it by Petitioning the Crown, or having recourse to Courts of Judicature; I am afraid Injustice, under the Name of *Charity, Necessity*, or some other good-natur'd Term, but by no Means under so ill-sounding a Title as that of *Rapacity* is like to become Constitutional: And if so, the Clergy cannot possibly have any Provision, but what is totally precarious, not certain or establish'd in any Degree whatsoever, except the mere Will and Pleasure of some, who have been pleas'd to shew their ill-will, not to Individuals, but to that Body of Men, can merit such an Appellation. I do not know whether it is safe for me to meddle on so nice a Point, in which I may easily Wade out of my Depth: However, I will venture a few Words, not as declaring what is, or what is not, Constitutional, (I leave that to those wiser Heads who are every Day to be met with) but what possibly may be Right; and is so, for any Thing that I know to the contrary; and I will hope that my Ignorance, if I mistake, may be excus'd by *the mildness of the Administration*. I have heard that one of the revised Laws, making some Alteration in Land Affairs, because it contradicted a Law confirm'd by the Royal Assent, laid sometime Dormant and Unobserv'd for want of the like Assent. I have Reason to believe, that a power to pass Laws that interfer'd with any confirm'd by his Majesty *without a suspending Clause*, was never claim'd by the Assembly, till very lately, when they pass'd several Laws of this kind in respect to the Clergy: And if so, the passing such Laws must appear in the Light of an Innovation; the removal of which must be no less than adhering to, and preserving the Old Constitution. I look not on the Colony as a little independent