

men, to have any Relation to the Two-Penny Act. If that Present be any Thing more than the usual Compliment, the Excess is not worthy of Notice, not enough to compensate for it's inferiority in Point of Time, when compar'd with other Presents of the like Nature. However if the Two-Penny Act should remain as a Precedent, to shew what might Occasionally be taken from the Clergy without the King's Consent, I cannot say but some of the Clergy would be apprehensive, that future Governors might possibly be influenced by Motives which his present Honour is above; and so a Present, out of the Revenues of the Clergy to other Men, might in Process of Time become as common a Compliment on the arrival of a new Governor, as a Present from the Assembly to the Governor; and I think the very Introduction of such a Topick by my Adversaries before the Public, shews that their Sentiments are not far wide of mine, if I should adopt such an Apprehension.

I am not to learn, that Modesty and Impudence, or in other Words, Rudeness and Politeness, belong more to the Station of Men than to their Behaviour in them; and make no Doubt of falling for the Freedoms I have used, even among many who call themselves *British* Subjects, under the Imputation of factious Insolence; while my Adversaries are graced with the generous Praise of having demeaned themselves on all Occasions with Temper and Decency. I could have wished indeed, that the Arguments on both Sides might have been considered independent of Names and Situations in Life: But my Adversaries, being Persons of Figure, began the War in such a Manner as to shew, that the doing this would, in their Opinion, be parting with their strong Holds.