

would call a Persecution, but my Temper does not incline me to inflame either my Readers, or my own Resentment, with any Expressions of so sour and aggravating a Cast; all this, I say, has happened to me, for what is called my Obstinacy, but what notwithstanding, I have the Pleasure and Satisfaction of thinking a Regard for Justice, Learning, Religion, Liberty and Property, and the Public Good, unabated by too scrupulous a Concern about what Calumnies might be uttered to my Disadvantage, or what other ill Consequences might follow to myself. A Thought which I shall undoubtedly hold fast and enjoy, as a Fountain of Consolation in my Troubles; until I find better Reasons for parting with it, than have hitherto appeared.

*N. B.* In looking over the Calculation at the Beginning of this Piece, I find a Mistake. The Assembly's Allowance of Two pence a Pound was not on nett, but on transfer Tobacco. In consequence of which I have given them Credit for Eight Pounds Sterling less than I ought to have done. My supposed Loss therefore will not amount to Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, but only to One Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds; and a Twenty-fifth Part must also be deducted from the supposed Savings of every Person in the Catalogue. If any one think Fifty Shillings a Hundred for my Tobacco, too high a Rate for the scarce Year; or the Exchange allowed for that Year not high enough; then my Loss will be the less; also the Relief to the Poor and Distressed will be diminished; and the Gain too to the Opulent and Successful will be more moderate; these being all inseparably linked together in one Chain. If there be any other Mistakes in the above Piece, I shall without any Kind of Reluctance, acknowledge myself under Obligations to him, who will bestow the Favour of just Corrections upon them; my chief View in this Undertaking being to have the Matter placed in the truest Light, and determined in the exactest Manner possible. The intelligent Reader will observe, that I have not calculated what ought to be paid me in case of my Recovering; but only my supposed Loss, and the supposed Savings of other Persons, by the Act. I have therefore said nothing of Interest for lying out of my Money; or of the Costs of Suit. If any shall appear hereafter on this Subject; if they shall dismiss all