

strongly marked with the same Character; they have been generally very sententious, and the same Observation may be applied to them all—They have all declared *that to be legal*, which the Minister for the Time being has deemed to be *expedient*. The Opinion given by a General of the Law in the late War on the Question, Whether Soldiers might be Quartered on Private Houses in *America*, must be pretty generally remembered.

The very learned Gentlemen has, it seems, declared that, “upon mature Deliberation, he has formed his Opinion, that the Colonies are in their Nature, no more than common Corporations, and that the Inhabitants of a Colony are no more entitled to an Exemption from Parliamentary Taxations, because represented in an *American* Assembly, than the Citizens of *London*.”

This Opinion may be incontestably just in the Judgment of that accomplished Politician, and elegant Writer, who chuses to distinguish himself by the Titles of late *G---rn-r* of the *J-r-f-ys*, of the *M-ff-ch-f-ts B---*, and of *S---th C-r-l--a*, and who does not chuse to be distinguish'd by the Title of late *Maitre d Hotel* of the late Sir *D---v--s O-b-----e*, or that exactly fitting, and characteristical * Appellation conferred on him, by an incensed Culprit in an *American* Court of Star-Chamber, an Appellation rather adapted to signify those Powers, which are useful in Intrigue, and that lead to Promotion, than expressive of Respect and Dignity; but having considered the Subject in the best Manner my very slender and limited Capacity will allow, neither doth the Opinion of the one, nor the Approbation of it by the other, influence my Judgment.

Let a great Man declare a similitude, and he will soon find a *Polonius* to acknowledge, that, “*Yonā. Cloud is, by the Mass, like a Camel indeed*” —or, “*black like an Ouzle.*” —or, “*very like a Whale.*”

The Objection having been Stated, the Answer is obvious and clear.

The Colonies have a compleat and adequate Legislative Authority, and are not only represented in their Assemblies, but in *no other Manner*. The Power of making Bye-Laws vested in the common Council is inadequate and incomplete, being bounded by a few particular Subjects; and the Common Council are actually represented too, by having a Choice of Members to serve in Parliament. How then can the Reason of the Exemption from

* See the Hist. of TOM BRAZEN.