

peace & order, or using a language highly indecent or justly exception-
-able. That the intention of the Law makers has not been answered,
is evident, and not being answered, that great & manifest injustice
is daily ^{done} by the existance of the law is equally evident; if these asser-
-tions are not true, let them be disproved; if true: your Petitioner
hopes that truth will not be offensive to men bound by every tie to
listen to its dictates, and to the dictates of Justice, nor will it offend
(he presumes) to remind them, that in this case a delay, is a
denial of justice.

Your Petitioner far from charging the Legislators with any evil
design in passing the Law, expressly declares ~~that~~ in his Spee-
-ch that an unbounded but mistaken zeal for the public wel-
-fare mistak their understandings & judgment; in another part he
supposeth them men of integrity, impartiality, honesty, & good sense;
but, as men, with all these good Qualities they were liable to error,
they have erred, and their error hath brought on ^a part of the Commu-
-nity heavy & lasting injuries; to one of these Sufferers so deeply
aggrieved, aggrieved too without any benefit resulting to the
Public from these private sufferings, Surely some asperity of
language might be permitted, when strictly conformable to truth,
to paint in lively colours the extent of the injury.

Your Petitioner is really at a loss to fix upon the particular offen-
-sive passages of his Petition & Argument, saying the Law contra-
-dicted that universally received, and universally binding moral Law,
Do, as you would be done by, Surely could not give offence; because
the House of Delegates must admit its existance & obligation, &
that they, who do not conform to it, violate a self evident rule of justice,
Proving the tender Law to contradict and to be an evident viola-
-tion of that law by appealing to the gentlemen's consciences, and
asking whether they would give £100 Sterling for £16 but 3. 4 in
the new bills of credit could not give umbrage unless the Members
are willing to part with their Sterling money at that rate,
The Petitioner alleges that the public hath been greatly injured