

yet your Petitioner humbly conceives, Legislators and Courts of justice are bound to conform to those maxims universally, and therefore that it ^{was} not indigent or exceptionable to adduce the proverb and maxim in support of his petition, that they were very properly introduced, your petitioner is of opinion, because it is a certain and universally received Truth, that a strict plain and impartial administration of Justice and public virtue, are the most certain foundations of public felicity.

No human Law can abrogate the law of God; by the law of God robbery is prohibited; it hath been proved, that the tender law encourages robbery, if it be a robbery not to pay a debt or the value of it, the Debtor being able to pay, under the conviction, that these propositions are ^{all} strictly true, your Petitioner is confident, none of them gave offence.

The generality of the censure hath laid your Petitioner under the disagreeable necessity of trespassing on the time and perhaps on the patience of the House; He doth not call in question the rights of the Delegates to censure; he admits they ought to preserve their Authority & dignity, but he hopes they will allow, that your Petitioner hath a right to value his Reputation & Character, and to endeavour to shew, that the censure, which impeaches both, is not well grounded, which he flatters himself he has proved to the satisfaction of the honorable Delegates, ~~and~~ whose displeasure he did not intend to incur.

Having thus far endeavoured to shew, that He hath not justly merited the censure of the House, your Petitioner now begs leave to draw their attention to the Resolution ^{part} on his former Petition, and ^{to} the reasons adduced or implied, in support of that Resolution, (if it can be shewn ^{that} the reasoning is inconclusive,) he doubts not, the Resolution will be rescinded.

- 1. The Resolve clearly implies that nothing but gold & silver would be taken by Creditors in discharge of Debts due to them.
- 2. It asserts that a repeal of the Law would prove the ruin of many individuals by obliging them to part with their Lands and other Effects at a very low price for gold & silver to satisfy the demands of their Creditors.