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Let the considerate Reader now judge, with what Reason the Upper House could shew so much Resentment at the Declaration of the Lower House, that they were a dependent Branch of Legislature; and how the Imputation becomes more ridiculous because the earliest Establishment of the Constitution was in its present Form.—

The Evil, by Length of Time, has become inveterate, and perhaps irremediable, without the Interposition of a superior Power; but the Objection to their Dependence can never be weakened by it. If it be true then, that the Upper House derive their Existence from the Proprietary Appointment, that their Continuance in that Capacity depends on his Will and Pleasure, and that all, or a very great Majority of them, hold very lucrative Employments under him, I think, without descending to a particular Recital of their Conduct, it must follow, not that they are the Guardians of the Peoples Rights, but that they are as dependent upon the Proprietor, as the Love of Power, or the Motive of Interest, can possibly make any Body of Men. But I have no Occasion to confine myself to speculative Arguments, derived from the Nature of their Constitution, to shew how little Right they have to assume the Title of being the Guardians of the Peoples Rights, since their own Conduct furnishes abundant Proof of an Attachment to the Proprietor's Interest, very naturally resulting from their Dependence upon him.

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Their Attempt to deprive the People of the Fines on ordinary Licences, because the Proprietor thought fit to lay Claim to them, and in Consequence thereof granted them to Cæcilius Calvert, Esq; his Secretary, for Life; and their Conduct in the Beginning of the War, in refusing to pass a Bill for His Majesty's Service, because the Licence Money on Pedlars was made one of the sinking Funds; together with their constant Rejection of almost all penal Bills, unless one Half of the Forfeitures went into the Proprietor's Pocket, are (among many others that might be mentioned) Proofs too palpable to admit of any Doubt whose Interest they are the Guardians of.—And here it may not be amiss to comment a little upon a Passage in the Message from the Lower House to the Upper House, which to their Honours appears so intricate, that they declare in their Answer they do not understand or see any present Use of it, and then proceed to make some curious and refined Conjectures upon this recondite Passage, and, in the true Taste of profound Commentators, dive so deep, that they overlook the true Meaning, which more ordinary Optics discover to be swimming on the Surface. The Passage is this—"It is a Maxim in Politics, almost universally adopted, that the Representative is justified by the Instructions of his Constituent, in acting even against his own Judgment, and we were willing to entertain Hopes, that your Honours might be more

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