

person & Governm^t tho' both Law & reason and the Common practise of England and all other nations Require such solemn Credentia^ls from all persons upon their Promotion to a publick Station.

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The Principles they maintaine doe militate against the very end & essentialls of Governm^t w^{ch} is the Protection of the People in all their just Interests, and the bringing of those to condign Punishm^t that shall invade them. Soe they over-powering us with the Votes in our publick Assemblies, noe Bills can pass for the forming of a Millitia Levying of forces &c^a for the defence of the Country or for the Collecting and Sending of any Assistance or Quotas for the common defence of Frontiers or the Raiseing of Moneys to answer any such exigenccs of Governm^t And for such their proceedings alleadge th^t it is unlawful that men should be hyred to fight or that the Sword should bee drawne or made use of in any case whatsoever by w^{ch} meanes the County Lyes naked & defensless & exposed to be ruin'd & made a Prey of by any Enemy that shall first invade it.

Their partiality in the Publick administration of Justice is soe notorious th^t the Quakers Justice is become a proverb in these parts of the world w^{ch} natureally flowes from th^t greate Odium & Aversion w^{ch} they entertain against all Christian professions & Communities styling all out the Pale of their own Faction, People of the World, & themselves the Lords People, hence it is that the People of the World as they call them are seldom regarded for the meritt of their cause in their Courts of Judicature when they stand in Competition with any of their Party. The notorious Instances that might bee collected of their injustice Violence & Oppression would swell a large vollume but Wee shall not presume upon a Larger Narrative on th^t subject least wee should too much trespass upon yo^r Lordships patience then the Recitall of three:

About eighteen moneths agoe out of a deep Sense of our unhappy Circumstances many of us did signe to such a Remonstrance as wee here present yo^r Lordships which tho' addressed to his Maj^{ty}, & purporting only a candid recitall of our Agrievances & our humble suit to his Maj^{ty} for a Remedy, was suppressed by the Quakers some of the Subscribers being imprisoned by them, others Terrified with grievous threats, under a pretence that such a Petition was an Arraigning of the Governm^t & against the Laws of it, By that Violence Robbing us of another inestimable Priviledge the R^t of Petitioning.

The next is a late instance of their Illegal & unjust Cruelty Practised upon the Person of one Mary Hunt the wife of Jeremiah Hunt late of Jamaica & now an Inhabitant in Philadel-