

Letter Bk. IV the Gift of the Crown, that by means of a great Number of Burroughs Many of the Gentⁿ who enjoy those Offices get returned to Parliament, that it is the Interest of almost all the Lawyers in the Kingdom to defend the measures that are pursued by the Gov^t & one cannot be surprized that the Gov^t or Ministry should have always a Majority in the House of Commons, but in this Province Affairs are very differently circumstanced; & the Majority of the People who elect the Lower House being ignorant of the Necessity of Supporting Govern^t at all, being Levellers in their Principles & impatient of Rule commonly choose Persons of their own Stamp, & when the Lower House is in a great Measure composed of such Men, what Wonder if a Majority implicitly follows those few among them who having better Abilities than themselves are incited either by Ambition Resentment or any other like Motive to oppose the Measures of Govern^t & render those uneasy who are entrusted with the Administration. That many of the present Leaders in the Lower House have been spurred on by Resentment at being either displaced or as they conceived neglected is most notorious, they were in hopes that if they could thereby convince His Ldp or myself of their Importance & power to do Mischief they should then make their own Terms (such having been heretofore the Consequences of the same measures) but as they have at length found that their Schemes have failed of Success & that His Ldp is not to be terrified nor His Lieut. Gov^r disposed to sue for a Truce, I am well persuaded they heartily repent of what they have done & that a few years more ill Success will not only dispirit them but also deter others from Treading in the same Steps. The only Way then in my Opinion for His Ldp to obtain a solid & lasting Influence, & the measure I would advise him to was I now writing my last Letter is to appear steady & resolute, to reward as far & as often as it is in his Power those who behave themselves well, but never bribe any of those who endeavour to carry their Points by Violence to desist or forbear; Let His Ldp & those in Authority under him pursue such Measures as they will always be able to justify & in the End I will engage that a vast Majority of the Upper Class of People will become Friends to His Ldp & well wishers to his Govern^t A few of these Gentlemen are already in the House & was the War once brought to a Conclusion so that there would be no farther Obligation on me to convene the Assembly so often in order to solicit Supplies & ask for Money, with which the People in general are as loth to part as with their Lives I should flatter Myself that Things would soon put on a very different Face & all publick Business be transacted with as much Order & Regularity as it was ever carried on in any

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