

REMARKS | UPON A | MESSAGE, | sent by the | Upper to
 the Lower | House of Assembly | of | Maryland, 1762. | Containing
 a Vindication of the latter, | in their Conduct relative to a Supply |
 Bill for His Majesty's Service; and | occasionally interspersed with
 some | curious and in- | teresting Particulars, respecting the Con-
 stitu- | tion of the said Province, | By a Friend to Maryland, |
 Quibus indiciis? Quo teste probavit? | Nil horum; Verbosa et
 grandis Æpistola venit, | Juvenal. | Printed in the Year MDCCLXIV

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The Right of an Individual to animadvert upon public Measures, has never been controverted, in a free Government, but by the Enemies of Liberty, and the Patrons of Corruption. "I enjoy this great Privilege (says a political Writer) by being born in a free Government, that, as a private Man, I am not accountable to the greatest Man in the State for my Actions; but the greatest Man in the State. in a public Station is accountable to me." And it is very well observed, by another Writer of the same Class, that every Man who enjoys Property hath some Share in the Public, and therefore the Care of the Public is, in some Degree, every such Man's Concern." As this Right therefore, I presume, will hardly be contested by any but those whom I should be proud to see my Opponents, I shall make no Apology for the Talk I have undertaken. The Subject of the following Remarks, is I conceive, of too interesting a Nature to pass entirely unnoticed; and the Practice I shall endeavour to expose, may, in its Consequences, be so extremely injurious, not only to a particular Sett of Men, but to the Province in general, that I think it high Time to give some Check to it, by convincing the Authors, that although a well-timed Prorogation may prevent, or at least suspend the Lash of Parliamentary Correction, yet it cannot screen their unjustifiable Conduct from public Examination and Censure. A new political Nostrum has lately been introduced by our State Empyrics, which has been administered with great Success as to themselves, though I conceive with no less Danger to the Constitution of the Body Politic. It has been, for some Time past, the Practice of the other Branches of the Legislature, to introduce all their Misrepresentations of the Lower House so late in the Session, as to preclude a Possibility of replying before a Prorogation; so that, by keeping the Field of Battle, they have appeared in the Light of Conquerors to those who are either too unskilful, or too indolent to examine, with a critical Eye, into all the Operations on both Sides.

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The Purpose of this low Craft seems to be, that the long Interval between the Rising and the next Meeting of the Assembly, may obliterate all Remembrance of past Injuries, and abate the Ardour of the Lower House to vindicate their Conduct; and that their venomous Calumnies may work their intended Mischief, before there is an Opportunity of applying an adequate Remedy. The last Session