

be adopted in this country ; but observation and reflection have convinced me that the way proposed is quite impracticable here." For a man that plumes himself on being a straight-forward hitter, this is a by-play sort of answer. Your question respected Responsible Government—the *thing*, and not the "means." Making a fortune is no bad thing, I fancy ; but "the way proposed" by which to make a fortune, may be, and frequently is found to be, "quite impracticable." The Doctor may not like our way ; but does his logic lead him to conclude that *therefore* he must denounce our end? The probability is—and we shall have other reasons for the opinion presently—that, instead of having *changed* his mind, or in consequence of its too frequent changes, the Doctor does not *know* it. Perhaps we shall have reason to conclude that he is one of those—and there are many such—who, with crooked spirits and shrivelled intellects, talk much, bark fearfully, but never think ; strangely mistaking flippancy for eloquence, and positivity for truth. If this be his character,

Your muleteer's the man to set him right.

The Doctor proceeds. "It is quite clear that the House of Assembly is not a body of sufficient intelligence, nor in their collective capacity, of even sufficient honesty, to be trusted with the management of the check necessary to be kept over judicial or monetary concerns." I know not whether I exactly understand the Doctor here, or it may be that I do not understand the subject. By mentioning judicial as well as monetary concerns, it would seem that he had an eye to the appellate jurisdiction of the Governor and Council, and which appears to be somewhat similar to that of the Privy Council in England. "From the decrees of the Courts of Chancery in the Colonies, an appeal lies to the King in Council here in England ; and from the judgments of the Courts of Common Law in the Colonies, a writ of error lies to the Governor and Council of the Colony ; and from their decision an appeal (in the nature of a writ of error) lies to the King in Council here."* By the 16 Car. 1, c. 10, s. 5, it is expressly declared that neither the King nor the Privy Council have any jurisdiction or power to take cognizance of any matter of property, real or personal, belonging to the subjects of "this Kingdom." In these Colonies, it is otherwise ; and I conjecture that the Doctor alludes to some expressions of dissatisfaction by the Assembly on that account, or to some pretensions to a right

* Chitty on the Prerogatives of the Crown. p. 31. Note (c.)