

loss, I would very soon do it ; and indeed had I done it long ago, it would have been for my interest, at least I should have sav'd the loss of many bad debts which I have made thro' the people's growing poverty : No person stands any chance of advancing his interest here at present, unless he be a military man, or at least one of their favourites : The Governour, the major part of the Council, the Secretary, the Pay-master of the publick works, the Collectors of the duties, the Register of the court of Chancery, and every overseer of the works, are all men of the military order, no man being permitted to enjoy any of these lucretive posts who has not the King's commission in the army."

Thus I am enabled to give your Lordship these extracts of letters, exactly as they were wrote, being assured you will not regard the dress of the complaints, but the truth of the facts therein mentioned, and that every article of them is true, I can bring a cloud of witnesses to testify. I am,

with the most dutiful respect,

my LORD,

your Lordship's

most obedient and humble Servant,

*W. M.*