

nal Majority, we may, with great Justice, attribute the whole of our Misfortunes. In what Light can we behold an House of Commons, which becomes so prostitute, as to be capable of voting a Minority to be a Majority? An House, which could, without the least Colour of Justice, tyrannically imprison a Subject between three or four Months in a distempered Gaol, and inhumanly refuse him the same Liberty, which had been granted to two Felons accused of wilful Murder? An House, which, devoid of all Decency, could force the poor, timid Servant of a Corporation, to erase a judicial Record? An House, that could even punish two Members of its own Body, in a most arbitrary Manner, for acting with Integrity in a judicial Capacity; nay, for adhering to their Charters and their Oaths, and virtuously administering Justice. Indeed fatal Experience hath taught us, that what was intended as a Bulwark in Defence of our Liberties, is now become a mere Engine of Oppression; and those Weapons of Defence, which have been entrusted into the Hands of our Representatives, to oppose the Encroachments of the Prerogative of the Crown, have been infamously perverted to stab the Vitals of the Constitution.

When we made Choice of you, Sirs, to transact our Business in Parliament, we considered all of you to be possessed of Fortune sufficient to render