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LONG before the late unlawful and unprecedented attempt of the House of Assembly, to arrogate to itself powers with which the Constitution invested the higher branches of the Government, reflecting men foresaw, that certain needy and ambitious characters, would take some decided step, in order to prove to the Governor General, that, if he wished to conduct the administration in quiet, *they must be conciliated*.—This policy was recommended by precedent ; and its former success justified their expectations :—Besides, it was the only way in which persons of moderate abilities and popular character among the common people, could force themselves into places of trust and emolument, and make the Government contribute to their support.—Former Governors, had adopted a mode of drawing into the service of the State, or neutralizing persons of this description, which was highly unjust and impolitic :—Since to stop the mouth of one seditious man with a bribe, is the sure method to open a thousand still more clamorous and insatiable.—It discourages and disheartens the loyal and well disposed part of His Majesty's subjects ; and invites those who are the least qualified on every account to discharge any public trust, to attempt to overawe the Government, in order to obtain a share in its administration, or lay it under contribution.—The House of Assembly and a seditious news-paper, were the engines which were put in motion for those purposes ; in both of