

describing the period immediately preceding the great rebellion in the 17th Century, informs us, that "the weak contributed to the designs of the wicked, while the latter out of a consciousness of their guilt, grew by desparation worse than they intended to be. The wise were often imposed upon by men of small understandings—the innocent were possessed with laziness, and slept under the most visible article of danger, and the ill-disposed, though of the most opposite interests and distant affections, united in a firm and constant league of mischief, while those whose opinions and interests were the same, divided into factions and emulations more pernicious to the public than the treasons of others."

The well disposed in this community should therefore awake from their stupor, and carefully watch over the attempts at increase of popular power ;—for the history of the last twenty years written in blood, shews to what an extreme of despotism, the delusions of factions, and abuse of the power of the people, leads. Mankind in Europe *now see and feel* that the only effectual remedy for such abuses, is in regal power, established upon the influence of property.

America has to undergo many trials and purgations before this precious truth shall be acknowledged ; and in this Province, we appear to be verging to that dreadful situation, where property, wisdom, and experience, will be considered as unnecessary qualifications for legislation ; and that those to whom none would confide the management

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