

patriotic members of the TRULY honourable House raised their pay from 900*l.* to 1500*l.* per year!!!

I shall now explain how this grant obtained the sanction of the Governor and Council, and prove that they have dealt in an *unfair* and *shuffling* manner, with these two branches of the legislature.

A bill of such importance, as went to take money out of the pockets of their constituents, ought to have been one, involving in itself ALL the measures that were necessary for its object, so that a COMPLETE discussion could have taken place with regard to its policy; but they too well knew its fate, if it was offered in this form; and what did they do to prevent it? Why, they tacked a clause allowing 1500*l.* to be distributed among them, to the bill of supply. Here the fraud was consummated! For neither Council nor Governor can *dissect* a bill sent to them by the House of Assembly, but must agree to it *in toto*, reject it, or send it down with amendments (in all cases except a *money bill*). The bill of supply, is *exclusively* a money bill, therefore, no amendments could take place.

Now what would the consequence have been, had they rejected it? Why no revenue could be received; consequently, no money could be paid for roads or bridges, agriculture or fisheries, &c. &c. In this dilemma the Governor acted like a wise man and gave his sanction to it, not forgetting to upbraid them with their mercenary dispositions.

In all civilized governments, the supreme authority must lodge some where *operatively* and *effectually*; and that power in Great Britain and the colonies is lodged in the executive.

Now if the members of the House of Assembly continue to practice these fraudulent measures, the authority of the crown will lose its lustre and effect, and will be transferred into the hands of the Representatives of the people, and then we will be governed by a democratic faction, in *direct* contradiction to the principles of our invaluable constitution.