

the Bye Boatkeepers, who settled there and became constant Residents, from whom the principal Part of the present Inhabitants are descended; and it is confessed by Mr. Newman, that he has been in the Habit of giving Encouragement to those, and those only, who are Residents in the Island. It appears too, that the Freedom they have mostly sought and exercised was that of being free of all Rule and Order themselves, in the Enjoyment of an exclusive Monopoly, and at Liberty to exercise a Dominion over the Boatkeepers and poor Inhabitants, whom they kept in perpetual Thralldom.

I mean this should be confined to a certain Class among the Western Merchants, as well in former as in the present Times. No Doubt there were formerly, as I know there are now, Persons of so much Justice and Character as not to be guilty of the Oppressions and Opposition to the Establishment of Order and Government, which I have above described, and who would certainly never condescend to come to this Committee, and endeavour to support such extravagant Propositions, grounded upon such ill-founded Facts and Reasonings as have been heard from these Gentlemen.

I proceed to examine what further has been advanced by these Gentlemen respecting the Judicature of the Island. I cannot help remarking, that the greater Part of what they say originates from personal Considerations; it

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