

norance; which we can allow ourselves to form a supposition dishonourable and disgraceful to our nature, that the improvement of the understanding has a tendency to pollute the mind. 'Tis the mutilated selfish and defective education that teaches trick and chicanery.—A liberal one instils sentiments of generosity, justice and honour.

I will not take up your time by entering into an explanation of my own conduct in the two Houses of Assembly, in which I have had the honour to represent you.—As it was ever public, open and avowed, I have always wished to have it subjected to the most scrupulous examination.—I never made a sacrifice of your rights and liberties to please any man or set of men.—I never shrunk from the discharge of those duties I owed to you and the community at large, through fear of offending any man.—I have ever opposed to the utmost of my power measures, which I conceived to be unconstitutional, dangerous in their tendency, or injurious to your real Interest and those of the public.—And should you think it proper to choose me on this occasion to represent you in the House, that has lately been summoned, you will, I flatter myself, find me to be as watchful a guardian of your liberties and privileges and as attentive to your convenience, prosperity and happiness, as, I am conscious, I hitherto have been.

