

then the House of Assembly is SELF CREATED and SELF EXISTING, and by practising these arts, they may have a house of representatives so chosen by THEMSELVES, that not a single friend of the country is left in it.

I will explain how this happened, and how the House was deceived. It was on the Representations of a Mr. Ritchie, a member for the county of Annapolis. This Mr. Ritchie requested Mr. Roach to vote for him as speaker of the House of Assembly, in opposition to Mr. Robie. This Mr. Roach refused to do. In consequence of this refusal, Mr. Ritchie brought up Mr. Hughes, the Sheriff, and a number of other witnesses, the distance of 140 miles, put the country to an expence of upwards of 200l. and all this done to satisfy the spleen and vengeance of Mr. Ritchie. The facts will bear me out in my assertions. For on a new election Mr. Hughes would not appear on the hustings, being disgusted at the trick played upon him by Mr. Ritchie, and gave his vote and interest to a Mr. Ruggles, when after a long and severe contested election, Mr. Roach was declared to be duly elected by a majority of eighteen.

If these arts are those allowed to be practised, the original idea of the people choosing representatives will be lost, for the majority of the house, choose the minority, and this they would gladly do that they might have a majority of their own creatures, to vote against any measure brought before them, that would conduce to the benefit of the country.

The House of Assembly have also refused to listen to a plan for better regulation of the Provincial Militia. They have not only done this, but have insulted the Messages of the Governor, respecting it, declaring that they were unintelligible, and moved for a committee to be appointed to ask his Excellency what he wanted, when his language was as plain and as explicit, as the English language is capable of producing. A well constituted militia is the only constitutional de-

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