

others, except where it was necessary to explain and justify his own; but called upon as he is, in his own defence, he may be permitted to say, that however the Governor's proceedings may be explained, their appearance at least rendered him an unfit object of implicit political faith to any servant of the crown solicitous to discharge his own duty.

Upon the whole, the Chief-Justice begs leave to conclude, that especially at a time, when the nation is expending millions of treasure, and sacrificing thousands of lives to maintain the supreme authority of the King and Parliament in America, it is his duty to endeavour to obtain an observance of the royal instructions, and of the act of parliament, for the government of the province he is stationed in; when therefore he saw, in lieu of such observance, measures, ^{as is} a mode of government adopted, repugnant to the King's instructions and the act of parliament; that the King's grace to his people was intercepted, his royal intentions misconceived, and the province thereby so filled with discontent, that the most alarming consequences were very justly dreaded; unpleasant and dangerous as it was, he did his duty, and endeavoured to remove an unjust imputation of oppression from his Prince, to place it on those who deserved it. This is the full extent of his crime, for this he has been treated with unexampled indignity and cruelty. His character