

From a House thus constituted, whose members are by no means the representatives of the colony, and among whom are the most active agents, as well as the most passive creatures of the priests, little can be expected to the satisfaction of the community. We forbear entering into a detail of their proceedings during the present session (characterized as they are by the same feelings of partisanship, the same political depravity and persecution which influenced their conduct out of doors); or of giving a description of the low and abusive language with which the more prominent members, by pretence of their privilege of speech, are in the daily practice of assailing the Governor, the Judges, and other officers of the government. The numerous and useless offices connected with the House of Assembly which they have created for the sake of patronage—the prodigal manner in which they have endeavoured to squander the revenues of the Colony to support themselves and their adherents, and the invidious distinctions and provisions which they have made in several instances for the purpose of prejudicing individuals against whom they entertain personal dislike, indicate with painful certainty their determination to exercise all the power they possess, or are permitted to arrogate, in extending their influence, and inflicting injury on those who presume to differ from them.

That any of your Majesty's colonies should in this, the 19th century, be reduced to such a state of priestly tyranny as that to which we are subjected, may well excite your Majesty's astonishment, and our statements might possibly be attributed to prejudice or an exaggerated fear, did not evidence of their correctness exist in