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WHEN persons in power and office have given offence to the people over whom they are set, by attempts to destroy their privileges or other rights, and find them on the point of addressing the Crown against their unwarrantable proceedings; their usual method is to endeavour to get the start of them, and publish some false state of the case, calculated to justify themselves, and malign their opponents, in order to prejudice the Government, as well as the Public, against them, only till such time as the injured people have made their case known. In which they propose no farther to obtain their ends, than to take some little revenge for their disappointment, by vilifying the authors of it for a season.

This is in reality the case with the author, or rather authors, of a malicious pamphlet lately published here, and industriously propagated by the friends and espousers of the party, in favour of whom *the brief state of Pennsylvania* was written. For those gentlemen, finding they were not able to carry the point which they aimed at, and that the assembly, by their message to the Governor, of