

to heal him ; and what put him out of Favour, was the only Thing could restore him.

INDEED it can hardly be expected, but these Corruptions must happen, when one considers, that few Gentlemen will cross the Seas for a Government, whose Circumstances are not a little Streight at Home, and that they know by how slight and uncertain a Tenure they hold their Commissions ; from whence they wisely conclude, that no Time is to be lost. And then for the Account to be rendered at Home, that is not thought of at so great a Distance, for *Procul a Jove, procul a Fulmine.*

To enlarge then the Power of Governours, is to give them greater Power to oppress ; and to vacate the Charter is to enlarge their Power, the Government in that Case, of Course devolving upon them ; as we see in those Colonies which never had any Charters, but are immediately dependent on the Crown. There they have, in a Manner, the entire legislative and executive Powers, or at least so great an Influence on the constituent Parts of the former, as leaves them little more than nominal Sharers, serving rather as Screens to the Governour than a Defence to the People. The Militia is absolutely vested in the Governours, which influences all Elections of Representatives : They appoint Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and other civil Officers, with the Consent, it's said indeed, of the Council ; but that such Consent voluntary or involuntary, will ever be refus'd, seems too much to be expected, if we consider, that tho' the Governours do not indeed appoint the Council, yet they recommend proper Persons to the King ; and it may be supposed, that a Gentleman who is intrusted with the chief Command of a Province, and is actually on the Spot, will be thought the best Judge who are fit to serve, and therefore his Recommendations will almost always prevail. Besides, if there be a Turn to serve, or an Emergency, real or imaginary, and any of the Members should be so refractory as not to give into his Measures with an implicit Faith, the Governour can suspend as many of them as he pleases ; and when he has reduc'd the Board, under a Number limited in his Instructions, he can then fill it up to that Number *instantly* with whom he pleases ; and who will they be, may we presume, but such as are passively obedient to his