

what we are going to give it, to wit, that of condescending to read it a second Time in this Court.

In doing this we hope to shew, that Moderation which becomes Magistrates, and that Zeal for the Publick (detached from all private Views) which should guide every good Member of Society.

For at the same Time that we condemn, what certainly deserves Condemnation, we shall be far from rejecting any Particulars in it which may seem to conduce to the publick Good, how ill soever recommended by the Dress and Company into which they are put in this angry Remonstrance.

We are at the same Time sensible, that in doing so we needlessly anticipate the Governor and Council, who are now doing (what we would recommend to you, Gentlemen of the Jury, for the future when you shall have any Thing to offer to the Publick) coolly and deliberately, considering Laws which may for a Succession of Years bind his Majesty's good Subjects of this Province.

Mr. Clerk of the Peace, you'll proceed to read them, and I shall make a few brief Strictures at the most pointed Articles, just to make known to the Publick mine and my Brethren's Sentiments on them.

ARTICLE I. There are fewer Courts in Proportion than in any other Province; and no more we believe, than such as were ordered to be established from Home: We profess we are not so clear sighted as to foresee any more dismal Consequences from them here than in any other Part of His Majesty's Dominions where they are thought necessary. The Government is in this Article obliged to the G. J. for allowing it the Intention of administering Justice.

II. They are as much mistaken in this perplexed Article as in the former; the Number of Justices is far short of the Proportion in other Provinces, to my Knowledge.

But Men will always run into Error and Absurdity in speaking, when they do not fix precise Ideas of the Terms they use; the Words INFANT COLONY hath here been the Stumbling Block. If we mean only the British Inhabitants, or Introduction of the British Laws, they are properly enough applied; but surely the G. J. will allow there is a large Field for the Labour of Justices amongst the Natives; if these be regarded, this is not an Infant Colony, but a respectable Province, and as such, requires, we believe, many more Justices, COULD PROPER PERSONS BE FOUND: We shall soon hear the G. J. intimate as much themselves.

III. We have Reason to believe these Gentlemen of the G. J. have not often attended Quarter-Sessions of the Peace at Home, else they would have seen the Bench filled as this is, with Persons who neither professed or arrogated any profound Knowledge in the Law.

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