

taged by that Law, will never agree to the repealing of it; and a Rebellion is both so dangerous, and of so black a Character, as Men either rich or conscientious, will not engage therein; and therefore no publick Mischief is so irrecoverable, as that which is grown into a Law; and nothing, you know, can become so, but what is imposed upon you by Parliament. Such is the happy Frame of your Government, so prudently and strongly have your Ancestors secured Property and Liberty (rescued by Inches out of the Hands of incroaching Violence) that you cannot be enslaved, but with Chains of your own making; for as you are never undone, till you are undone by Law, so you can never be undone by a Law, till you chuse the undoing Legislators; and may not your Enemies add *Scorn* to their *Cruelty*, and pretend Justice for both, when they can plead they had never trampled on your Heads, had you not laid them on the Ground?

From what has been said, it evidently appears, of what vast Importance it is at all times, whenever his Majesty shall be pleased to issue out his Writs for a Parliament, to chuse (as much as in us lies) a good House of Commons, as we tender our Religion, Liberties, Estates and Posterity; upon our well or ill chusing, depends our well or ill being; 'tis here as in Marriage or War, there is no room for second Errors; one Act may ruin a Nation beyond Retrieve.

Besides, they whom you chuse, will represent the Qualities as well as the Persons, and if you send up a false Glass, it will represent you with an ugly Face; you have hitherto had the Repute of an ancient and grave People, but if you chuse raw Saplings, green Heads, unexperienced Children, the World will judge of you, as they once did of
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