

Reboboam's Counsellors? Then expect, for well you deserve, to be lash'd with Scorpions: Can you judge them fit to dispose of your Liberties, Lives, Estates and Religion, who cannot legally dispose of their own Estates or themselves? What Security can they give you, that they will not give away yours and you, whose Bond in the Eye of the Law, will not be taken for 40s? But sure, your own Experience of what such green Persons have been, and done, in former Parliaments, hath, I hope, learned you sufficient Wisdom, not to chuse the like again.

(9.) Elect no prodigal or voluptuous Person, for besides that such are not regular enough to be Law-makers, they are commonly idle; and though possibly they may wish well to your Interest, yet they will rather lose it than their Pleasures; they will scarce leave one of their nightly Revellings, to give you their Attendance and Service next day, and therefore they are not to be relyed upon. And upon this occasion I shall borrow the words of an Author, to whom I do not much desire to be beholden; *Some Senators are drawn from their Duties by Pleasure; perhaps a Party at Tennis, Bowls, Cards, a Pack of Dogs, a Cock-fight, or a Horse-match, a Comedy, a Good-Fellow, or a Mistress. And while they are thus employed, the vigilant Faction steals a Vote that is worth a Kingdom.... Some again are so transported with the Vanity of Dress and Language, that rather than serve the Publick with one Hair amiss, or in one broken Period, they will let the Publick perish, Mallent Republicam turbari, quam capillos. These, while their Country lies at Stake, are ordering of their Heads, and polishing the Phrase, shaping the parts of a set Speech, till it is too late to use it. Nothing, methinks, does less beseem a grave Assembly, than this Facultatula Loquendi; this same Rhetorical Twittle-*