

of Difficulty and great Importance, and that a mere Knowledge of Law - Cases, Reports, Precedents, &c. is not always sufficient, without a clear Head, and an extensive Acquaintance with Trade and Commerce; I am astonished at such an impudent Perversion of Power, as presumed to appoint a Person who could never have devoted any previous Attention to the Duties of such an Office, and who without a Miracle, can know nothing beyond the Detail of regimental Baggage and Provisions.

But as an additional Misfortune for the Honour and Reputation of these Islands, Incapacity is not the only Objection against him; the Want of Property alone must disqualify almost any Judge. Your Lordships thorough Knowledge of Mankind will convince you, that the Creature of a Minister invested with so extensive a judicial Power, whose only Support is an Office and Pension at Will, is as dangerous in that Office, as he is degraded by so illiberal and slavish a Dependance. How infinitely more dangerous, my Lord, is he likely to prove, who appointed to a Place of Trust without any Salary in a Province, where he has no social, no friendly Connection, for whose