

Inhabitants and their Welfare he is prepossessed with Contempt or Indifference, and under the Pressure of Indigence, expects Relief only from Perquisites of Office? Is it not reasonable to suppose that he will be tempted to estimate his Place as a Gratuity bestowed by your Lordship to maintain him; and that an abject Necessity and Attention, to make the most of it, will prevent his ever recollecting that it is a Deposit entrusted to his Integrity and Abilities for the Use of Society? Bishop Burnet in drawing the Character of Scrogs, Lord Chief Justice of England in the Reign of Charles the Second, makes mention of his Poverty among his other Disqualifications: It was a melancholy Thing (says Burnet) to see so bad, so ignorant, and so poor a Man, raised to so great a Post. But I will venture to affirm, that without the Depravement of Heart, which so eminently distinguished Scrogs, and disgraced the Tribunal on which he presided, Ignorance and Poverty in any Sole Judge, must inevitably betray him into Iniquity and Dishonour; expose the Property of the Subject to Hazard and Insecurity; cover the unhappy Man himself with Shame and Confusion,