

World; whom faithful and approved Services in
the first Offices of this Government recommend;
whom Integrity and Competence (I hope) secure
against the undue Influence of any Tool what-
ever, and by whose Capacity our Affairs will
be administered in a respectable Manner. To
convince your Lordship that we are not by
any Means the passive, contemptible People
you are lately pleased to think us, I beg
Leave to refer you to the Minutes in the
Plantation Office of 1736. These, with the ig-
nominious Retreat of Go — n * Fitzw — n from
this Island soon after, bear Testimony that
we abhor, and will give no Toleration to the
Wickedness or criminal Weakness of any Man
in Power; and I shall for this Time con-
clude with assuring you, that he, whom Ve-
rality or Corruption may take from high Rank
or low Life, to any Office of Honour and Trust
in this Government, without personal Merit,
will never gain the Approbation or Respect
of A Bahamian.

* Removed on the Petition of the Inhabitants
for his Male - Adm — n.
