

word 'scum'; but I now think it was, that the 'hottest' and 'ignorantest' were put into places of trust." "Mr. Clows, pray tell us, what was the reason why you did not sign the other two addresses?" "I think I am not at this time obliged to tell that, as it does not at all affect the matter."

The *Chief Justice*. Yes, but it does; you must tell us. One of the chief reasons was, because I then thought, that the saying the assembly had given a gift to the lieutenant governor, to tempt him to pass their acts, was a reflection upon the lieutenant governor; but it is my judgment now, that it was no reflection at all upon him.

The *Solicitor General*. How! and do you not think so now?

The *Chief Justice*. He only speaks it as his judgment.

The *Solicitor General*. Do you not remember, that the assembly was called "The Pretended Assembly?" No. Do you not remember, it was said, "their illegal proceedings?" Do you not remember the word "illegal?" No, I cannot remember that; and I desired you, at your chamber, to put that word out of the clerk's notes.

The *Prisoner*. Did I ever ask you to sign them? No, you did not; you was so far from doing that, that you rather persuaded me not to sign them; and so did Madam Bayard, who was then in the room.

*Mr. Nicholl*. Do you remember any thing of the word "oppression" in the address? No, I do not remember that word.

*Mr. Nicholl*. Was the assembly called an "unlawful assembly?" No, gentlemen; I can

not speak positively to but few of these things; what I say is, to the best of my remembrance and understanding.

*Peter Odyre*. Going by Colonel Bayard's house, one Mr. Bodinot told me, I must step in to Colonel Bayard's, and sign an address to the king; and as I was going in, I met Colonel Bayard coming forth of his house; and, going in, I saw the addresses lying on the table. Colonel Bayard then told me, I might sign if I would, or that I might not; and the colonel also told me it was for the good of the country; and that, if I was willing, I might sign them; if not, I might let them alone; and then went away.

*W. Richardson*. One day drinking at one Spencer's, I was desired to go to the coffee house, which I did; and, when there, I saw a great many people, I believe near a hundred; and, coming above stairs, I saw papers on the table, which were called "addresses," which I signed with others; and I saw, among others, Colonel Bayard there; but he seemed to be no more acting or concerned than any other.

The *CHIEF JUSTICE*. You are very forgetful of what you swore before the governor and council; but, to put you in mind of somewhat of it, did nobody tell you what papers were to be signed? Nobody at all.

The *Solicitor General*. How many papers did you sign? I signed three, but did not know what they were, but was told they were addresses to the king, and my Lord Cornbury, and the parliament, but did not read any of them; but, I think, one of