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notorious Offences in his Office if he had not presumed  
on the Interest of some superiour power which (at least  
as he fancied) might be able to prevent any Inquiry into  
his Conduct or if that by no Arts were to be evaded would  
at last Screen him from punishment.

That this presumption of his was but too well founded  
I am apt to believe is pretty apparent The Behaviour  
of a certain Court when Complaints were made against  
him The Difficulties there were in procuring Rules on  
the plainest proofs of the most flagrant Oppressions,  
The ambiguous Terms in which such Rules were generally  
drawn up The little Regard he paid those Orders when  
served upon him & his Impunity notwithstanding such  
Disrespect and Arguments which amount almost to a  
Demonstration of his being in Confederacy with a certain  
Person who no doubt took Care to receive from him an  
adequate Satisfaction for such Favours.

But as a Correspondence of this Nature was equally  
criminal in the Receiver and the Giver it cannot but  
be supposed that the utmost Caution was used in order  
to the carrying it on with impenetrable Secrecy But  
when the House of Commons thought fit to imprison  
Cambridge a third hand became absolutely necessary  
towards that purpose and from thence so much light  
has been let into that dark Affair that by Degrees I no  
way doubt but that a perfect Discovery may be effected.

I will only beg leave to add one thing to this long Letter  
and that is that altho' Vice be contagious in its Nature  
and that I have long conversed in Intimacy with Mr.  
Cambridge yet if I know my own Heart I will venture

Sir