

to the King. That the Distinction taken between Internal Taxes & Commercial regulations was a distinction without a Difference. Paying Dutys upon Imports & Exports was Paying Internal Taxes & where was the Difference whether the Tobacco paid at the Place of its growth or at 100 miles distance when it came to be Shipped. That the Legislature properly Interposed for the purpose of a General Taxation, as the Colonies would never Agree to Adjust their respective Proportions amongst themselves, but would be cutting one anothers throats as formerly between the Massachusets & New Hampshire & Maryland & Pensylvania. He concluded that the resolutions in most of the Assemblys had been carried by Small Majoritys & in some by one or two only. That however the Legislature having declared their Sense there was no Appeale but force & Resistance was High High Treason & If any Law still subsisted in America the Combinations which had been entred into were Punishable.

The Chancellor Spoke very shortly to the Point. He took the Constitution no higher up than the Revolution as this Country never had one before. He referred to the Act of King W^m asserting the Legislative authority of his Country. That the King could not Suspend the Law as it was contrary to his Coronation Oath. As a Lawyer he declared it (appealing to the other 2 Law Lords) that all the Colonies had forfeited their Charters by sending Deputys to New York. That he had accounts in his hands to shew this Country Spent 32 Millions upon America the last war besides as much more spent in Germany. That by Looking into Maps it was easy to see what a few 22 Gun Ships could do in that extended Country. Was Great Britain grown old & Impotent to be Insulted by the Buxom Lass her Colonies. That If she withdrew her Protection they would soon become a Prey to the first Invader, the Petty States of Genoa or little Kingdom of Sweeden would run away wth them.

Lord Temple was Jocese upon the distinction of an Internal Taxation ; what says he, whilst the Stamp Act operates upon the Merch^t shall we call it a Commercial Regulation, when upon the Law a Legal Regulation & so on. Did the Colonies when they Migrated keep the Purse only & give up their Libertys. "Who Steals my Purse Steals trash" That taxes here were not the Sole Gift of the Commons, they had only the right of Proposition. And he advised the Lords in the words of Tacitus "Adversus rem novam Provincialem Dignum fide & Constantia Romana Consilium Capiatur".

The Resolution requiring Satisfaction to be made by the Assemblys to the Sufferers was supported by what had been done relative to the Town of Glasgow on the opposition given