

America, where it may seem calculated only to deceive the People of Great Britain by holding forth a delusive & Nugatory Affirmance of the Legislative Right of this Kingdom, whilst the Enacting part of it does no more than Abrogate the Resolutions of the House of Representatives in the North American Colonies, which have not in themselves the least Colour of Authority; and declares that which is Apparently and Certainly Criminal only Null & Void.

2^{dly} Because the particular Objections which have been made to the Stamp Act in North America, and which have been Adopted in the Course of the Debates upon this Bill for Repealing it, are in fact Contradicted by Undeniable Evidence upon Our Table, it having been Urged First, That all the money to be Collected by this Tax, was to be Annually remitted hither And that the North American Colonies would thereby be drained of all their Specie; And Secondly, That the Institution of Vice Admiralty Courts in those Colonies for the Recovery of Penaltys upon Revenue Laws without Juries, is a Novel Practice by means of which his Majesty's Subjects in those Dominions Would be deprived of One of their most Valuable Libertys, Tryals by Juries, & in this respect distinguished from their Fellow Subjects in Great Britain and would likewise be liable to the greatest Inconvenience, Vexation & Injustice, thro' the Option left to any Prosecutor to Call them from One End of that Extensive Continent to the other; And thro' the Temtation to the Judge to Condemn rather than to Acquit, from his being paid by Poundage of the Condemnation Money; Whereas with regard to the first of these Objections, it Appears by the minute of the late Board of Treasury laid before this House, & dated on the 9th day of July last, That the fullest directions had been sent to the several Officers of the Revenue, "That in Order to Obviate the Inconvenience of bringing into this Kingdom the money to be raised by the Stamp Duties Arising, or to Arise, by Virtue of any British Act of Parliament sh^d from time to time be paid to the Deputy Paymaster in America to defray the Subsistance of the Troops & any Military Expences incurred in the Colonies" And with regard to the 2^d Objection, it is Manifest, from Sundry Acts of Parliam^t that a Jurisdiction has been Assigned to the Judges of those Courts for the Recovery of Penalties upon the Laws of Revenue & of Trade without Juries, for near a Century past, from the Consideration (as we Apprehend) that in some of the Colonies, they are the only Judges not Elected by the People, and so far it is from being true, that the Subjects in North America, by being deprived in these Cases of Tryals by Juries, were in that respect distinguished from their Fellow Subjects in Great