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 Majestys Service or the Good of the Country, as strongly, as if you had used the very Words; nor will Your Offer of the Alternative in the least alter the force of the Construction, which (as we have urged) must necessarily be put on your Words, thô It may (if adhered to) give us some Satisfaction with Regard to your Intentions

We are sorry you will disagree (without assigning any Reason) with us in what is so plainly reasonable, as that, If the Continuance to the End of a next Session may make this Act of Arms perpetual by the Wilfulness of any Part of a Legislature not to pass any Law in order to prevent a Session; such a Continuance of other Acts may also make them perpetual, by a like Conduct of any Part of the Legislature.

We shall not presume, in this Question, to conjecture the Reasons which influence the Legislators of Great Britain in the Passage or Duration of any of their Money Bills; But we hope we may take Notice, that the many Acts of Parliament for raising Money by Duties or otherwise, for the uses of the Government and Nation, have various Terms assigned for their Continuances: The hereditary Revenue and some other Acts are perpetual, the Civil List is during the Kings Life, the Land Tax and Malt Act are annual, some Acts are for a certain number of years, But (what reaches Our Dispute) many Acts for raising Duties (and even some unappropriated at the Time of making the Acts) are for a certain Number of years and to the End of the next Session; for this purpose we think it not improper to referr you to the 12th Ann Cap 8 Sect 2^d for a Duty on Tobacco for five years and to the End of the next Session 8th Will 3^d Cap 20 Additional Duties on French Wines for 21 years and to the End of the next Session 20 Car 2^d Cap 5. 7. 8 Will 3^d Cap 36 & 1 Ann Cap. 13 Duty on Leather exported for 5 years &c 18 Car 2^d Cap. 5 1st Geo: 1 Cap 43. 9 Geo 1 Cap 19 & 4 Geo: 2^d Cap. 12 for encouraging of Coynage 2^d Geo: 2^d Cap. 17 Duty on Compound Waters Spirits &c 2^d Geo 2^d Cap. 28 Copper Oar made an enumerated Commodity and 6th Geor 2^d Cap 13 & 11 Geor 2^d for Duties on Sugar Rum & Molasses; By these Acts Gentlemen you will perceive such a Continuance, as we have insisted on, is not unusual in Money Acts of Parliament

In the long Paragraph where you State a Case about the House of Peers with many Arguments relating to it, your own Conclusion gives a plain Answer for you say, that, if this Case (the Case of the House of Peers) be applicable to any Part of Our Constitution, then you presume there is no Foundation for Our Answer, but if on the other Hand there is no Similitude between the Two, you shall allow the World has Reason to believe all you have said on that head has proceeded from no other Cause than the want of Our Offices: we presume you would not liken this House to a House of Peers or allow the Members of it any of the Privileges of Lords of Parlia-