

they under any Obligation so to do, And We think it unreasonable **U. H. J.**
that the Masters should be exposed to such Hazards, who will be
Obliged to Transport such Soldiers as shall be put on Board their
Vessels

M^r Tasker one of the Agents nominated in your Bill desires to be excused from Acting in that Trust, therefore We desire Col^o Gale may be put in his Stead, it would likewise be agreable to this House, if you would Name any other member of your House instead of Doctor Carroll: It is well known what Danger his Majesty looks upon his Kingdoms to be in, from the Irish Roman Catholicks, and what Precautions have been taken against them at home, and what Numbers of them are now actually in the Spanish Service making War against the Subjects of Great Britain; And tho' We firmly hope that the abovementioned Gentleman in leaving the Roman Catholick Religion has abandoned all the other Principles of his Countrymen of the said Religion and that he is as good and faithful a Subject as any his Majesty has yet as he has but lately declared himself a Protestant, it might seem very strange to his Majesty and the principal Gentlemen who are intrusted with the Embarkation of the Levies to be raised in this Province for the intended Expedition against some of the Dominions of his Catholick Majesty in the West Indies to find that We should think no Gentleman in this Country properer to be employed in such Service than One who has so lately prevail'd upon himself to take the Oaths to his Majesty

We assure you We do not mention this out of any Inclination to have any Dispute with your House, or to cast the least Reflection **p. 15**
upon the Gentleman, but only to testify the Sincere Zeal We have for his Majestys Service, and to prevent the Imputation of any Blame to Ourselves for not taking proper Care about the fitness of the Persons to be employed in an Affair which is so strongly recommended to our Care by his Majesty; And We hope upon Consideration the Gentleman himself will think He is Obliged to us for endeavouring to Remove all Danger of any Imputation which might be thrown upon him in Case of any ill Accident that may Unavoidably happen in the abovementioned Service, let it be executed never so honestly and faithfully.

There are several other Amendments which We think necessary in this Bill, too tedious to be incerted in this Message, or in the Endorsement to be made upon passing the Bill, We therefore desire that Your House will be pleased to appoint some of Your Members to join with some of the Members of Our House in a Conference, to settle the particulars which being done, and approved of by both Houses the Bill may be accordingly amended and passed into a Law; But if notwithstanding what has been said, you should think fit to persist on the Funds and the other parts as they now stand in this Bill, We do assure you that We are so resolved in Our Loyalty and