

done by the Amendment) all Tendency towards it was carefully avoided by the Bill; for these Reasons it is hoped their Honours will not adhere to the Amendment proposed to that Part of the Bill.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 47  
May 25

To the Fourth Amendment the House cannot agree, because they apprehend it may leave Room for evading the Tax.

To the Sixth Amendment, by which it is proposed to give the Naval Officer such Commission as is usually received upon other Duties, they cannot agree, because they think the Commission settled by the Bill is adequate to the Service; although our House have agreed to the Amendment for replacing the Money to be taken out of the Treasurer's Hands, yet they think that Amendment imperfect, as it is not ascertained what Sum of Current Money (which only can be raised by the Funds) shall be applied to that Purpose, nor what Proportion of the Money arising on each Fund shall be annually paid to the Treasurers, and what to the Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office, and therefore propose that the Sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds be paid to the Treasurers, in lieu of the Three Hundred Pounds Sterling to be taken out of their Hands, and that One Eighth Part of the Money arising on each Fund be annually paid to them for that Purpose; upon which the Conferees of the Upper House said they must recur to their House for their Sense thereof: And on the next Day, being the 25th, the Conferees of both Houses met in the Conference Chamber, and the Conferees of the Upper House were pleased to deliver the following Reasons, by Way of Answer to those delivered by the Conferees of the Lower House, viz.

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By your Objections to the Second Amendment, we take it for granted, you have agreed to the First, and in Answer to the Objections we say, that a Mode is ascertained for the Recovery of the Tax by a Prosecution at Law, and although nothing is particularly given by the proposed Amendment for the Encouragement of Informers, yet as it is made an Act of Duty in the several Officers mentioned therein to carry the Act into Execution, we think that is sufficient, and we had not the least Intention to draw his Lordship's Claim to the Fines and Forfeitures into Question, on which Point we are fully satisfied.

To the Objection against the Fourth Amendment, we say, we do not apprehend where Room is left for evading the Tax, and desire you would point it out to us. In Answer to your Objection to the Sixth Amendment, we say, that in our Judgment, the Naval Officers must be entitled to the same Commission as upon other Duties, unless some Reason can be assigned to the contrary. As to your last Objection, we say, that if there be any Defect in the Amendment proposed, we are willing to agree to any Alteration therein as shall be found necessary, and that the Bill may be amended accordingly; Then the Conferees of the Lower House retired to their House for further