

yearly, in Lieu thereof; one or the other of which, we presume, every Well-Wisher to his Country will cheerfully do.

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We do not find any Law in Force against bringing into this Province, from Pennsylvania, or the Territories thereto belonging, or from any other Province or Colony on this Continent, any Horses, Mares, Colts, or Fillies, as you are pleased to say there is. We cannot suppose his Lordship would be unwilling that any of his Officers should do any reasonable Act (and for which they have a sufficient Reward given them) towards carrying into Execution any Law calculated for his Majesty's Service in general, and our own Security in particular.

A Clause is inserted in this Bill, as it was in our second, for exempting Persons voluntarily enlisting, and bearing Arms for six Months, from Payment of all Manner of Taxes, from Labouring on Highways, and Payment of Ferriages, for the Space of two Years from the Date of their Discharge.

The Commissioners of the Paper-Currency-Office are by this, as they were by the second Bill, to settle and adjust the Accounts of the Land-Tax-Collectors, in Case of a Disagreement between the Rent-Roll-Keeper and the said Collectors about the Settlement thereof.

We did presume that the exact Quantity of Acres, contained in his Lordship's Manors and Reserved Lands, was well known, and that his Lordship's Agent might, without Difficulty, give an Account thereof; but as you say 'tis impossible for him to do it, we did in our second Bill, and have in this, only obliged him to give an Account of the computed Quantities of such Manors and Reserved Lands.

The Duty on Convicts is in this Bill, and it was so in the second, excepted out of the Clause for Continuance of the several other duties, as you propose, tho' we do not conceive the same contrary or repugnant to the Laws of England.

We have directed by this Bill, and the same was done by the second, a further Tax to be laid on Lands, to make up any Deficiency that may possibly (tho' contrary to our Expectations) happen, on the Funds appropriated to the replacing and bringing in the Sums of Money, granted by this Act, in Five Years, tho' we are not acquainted with any such Instruction from his Majesty, as you say this must be done in Obedience to. And now, May it please your Honours, we must conclude with assuring you, that we have made all the Amendments and Alterations we can agree to; insisting that our present Concession, in answering your several Objections to our Bill, shall not be drawn into Precedent, or any way construed as derogatory to our ancient and undoubted Rights, in Case of all Bills for Grant of Aids or Supplies, to direct, limit, and appoint, in such Bills, the Ends, Purposes, Considerations, Conditions, Limitations,