

for the Term of Five Years: Nor do we see the dangerous Tendency of such a Tax, as there was not any Power given to the Collectors of it to enter the House of private Consumers on any Pretence: But it depended upon their Integrity to account for the Tax without Molestation, or pay a Sum certain, half yearly, in Lieu thereof; one or the other of which, we presume, every Well-Wisher to his Country would chearfully 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 did not suppose this Lordship would be unwilling that any of his Officers should do any reasonable Act (and for which they had, by the Bill, 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 was inserted in our third 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 were by our third, as they were by the second Bill, to have settled and adjusted the Accounts of the Land-Tax-Collectors, in Case of a Disagreement between the Rent-Roll-Keepers 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 it is impossible for him to do it, we did in our second Bill, and also in our third, only oblige him to give an Account of the computed Quantities of such Manors and Reserved Lands.

The Duty on Convicts was in our third Bill, and also in our 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 directed by our third Bill, and the same was done by the second, a further Tax to be laid on Lands, to make up any Deficiency that might possibly (tho' contrary to our Expectations) happen, on the Funds appropriated to the replacing and bringing in the Sums of Money, granted by that Bill, 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. If your Honours should still think, that your Objections are not obviated, or by the Amendments made, not sufficiently removed, we are sincerely willing, at this critical Junc-