

appoint Officers, cannot be greater than that from whence it is derived, and never could be intended to extend to Officers of the Kind (if you will call them Officers) nominated in the Bill. As the House of Commons exercises that Power, does it not reasonably follow that the Right here is in this House?

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To this Part of the Bill, then, your Honours may be assured we shall unalterably adhere, not assuming to ourselves a new Power in the Nomination of Commissioners, but exercising that Power as one of our just and constitutional Rights; we shall not therefore suffer the Estates of the People to be taxed by Officers deriving their Power from the sole Appointment of the Lord Baltimore: Gentlemen are nominated Commissioners in the Bill, against whom no reasonable Objection can lay, and who can look with Contempt upon Insinuations, that their being any Way accountable to us for their Conduct, would have any undue Influence over their Actions.

Your Honours, after enumerating every particular Duty to be performed under this Act by the Commissioners or Trustees of the Paper Office, for which they are each of them to receive the Sum of Ten Pounds and no more, conclude, "These are the Services required from them, and this the Reward given by this Bill to those Officers, who have been appointed by the Government." Is this fair and candid? Permit us to say, and to shew, that it is not. These Commissioners, under the first Paper Currency Law, receive an annual Salary of Eighty Pounds, for which very few Services remain at this Time to be done, and those are chiefly performed by their Clerk, who by the same Act has a Salary of Eighty Pounds *p* Annum. By the £40,000 Act, these Commissioners have, during the Continuance of it, Ten Pounds *p* Annum added to the above Salary, and very few Duties are prescribed, but such as may be, and are done, by their Clerk, who also by the same Act has an additional Salary of Ten Pounds *p* Year. In Consideration then of their Salary of Ninety Pounds *p* Year, the present Bill adds to the few Services they have to perform under the former Laws, the several Duties mentioned in your Honour's Message; all which, except that of superintending the Printer, and of signing the Bills (for the Numbering and Dating is done by the Clerk) and attending their Office two Days in the Week (which they ought long ago to have been obliged to) will very little increase the Trouble of the Office.

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In this View, we are persuaded, every one must see those Commissioners are not unjustly burthened by the said Bill, and we are afraid it will appear but too plain, from this trifling Objection, spun out to so great a length, that your Honours are more Solicitous to give ill Impressions of the Bill, than by a candid and dispassionate procedure, to endeavour to perfect it in those Parts which you may really be of Opinion are defective. The Office of the Agents, by the