

slender Scrutiny into the Conduct of the Peoples Representatives to the present time, they were thrice called to meet in Assembly to raise supplies for his Majestys Service and in their first meeting to shew their Loyalty to his Majesty and Earnest desire to comply with his Requisitions they sent to the upper House a Bill upon the Plan of a General Assessment upon Real and Personal Estates this Plan you so lately as your Message of the 9.<sup>th</sup> Instant call a new System, Intricate in its nature liable to Objections which you suppose may Escape your House, the Bill was accordingly rejected for reasons wherein the Lower House was afterwards made acquainted the second and third meeting in Assembly for the Like purpose Influences by the Like Earnest desire to raise Supplies for his Majestys Service produced the like Bill in the Lower House, which from this House met with the like fate; the Lower House finding by this time their favourite new System Intricate in its nature and liable to objections could not be obtained without an uncommon degree of perservance and apprehensive at the same time that the Sincerity of Earnest desire so often Expressed, to raise Supplies for his Majestys Service from so repeatedly proposing only the same Bill for Raising those supplies which had been as frequently rejected, began to be doubted; to obviate if Possible these unfavourable Impressions they thought proper to Express their Concern as you do now, to find that after refusing two Bills sent to us at their two Last meetings for his Majestys Service without Mentioning the Objections we might have to either of them we had returned a third for the same purpose in the same manner and declare that if Our objections had been made to either of those or to the then present Bill they would have shewed the utmost readiness to do every thing they could Consistent with their Rights and Priviledges to have brought about the Passage of them; but without Scrupulously Examining into the means of Escape from this Declaration left by the manner of penning it, it is Sufficient to observe that this House accordingly Informed the Lower House of many objections to that Bill without Obviating which by amending their Draft that Bill could not meet with our Assent and in order to manifest their Earnest Desire to raise for his Majesty the supplies he Demanded instead of altering their Bill in any manner Conformable thereto they Endeavoured to answer those Objections which Brought on a Dispute Between the two Houses and that session Ended with as little Effect to his Majestys Service as the two former and tho every Man of Common sense who would give himself the trouble of perusing those Messages must Consider those objections as Unanswered & in this we are Supported by the Opinion of his Majestys late Attorney General upon that Bill and those Messages; the Lower House Continued for five Successive Sessions to send the same Bill to the Upper House for their Assent without

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