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to Cover which (viz.^t) Objections in 1758. to taxing those two Objects you say most of the others were only thrown in as a Barrier ; Whereas, We now repeat, that no objection has been made to taxing either of those particulars neither his Lordship, nor those Great Officers you refer to, having any objection that we know of against, a proporsional tax either upon his Estate or their Officers ; for the Objections you would have thus understood are only to the manner and the quantum then proposed Considerably above the proportion at which other people were to have been taxed ; and to prevent as far as possible every future Oppertunity of poisoning the minds of the people by their Imposing upon their understandings, permit Us to Inform you that the true general question in debate is whether the Lord Proprietary, the upper House and People shall be subjected to a new and Unconstitutional power of Oppression without any remedy or not, the parties are the two Houses, the Lower House has been Contending for the Affirmative and this House for the negative in nine successive Struggles upon this Important Question a Concern upon a disappointment in any of your Sanguine persuits being natural, we can easily Credit your Expression of sorrow that what you call

p. 95 an Occasional Waiver of your rights in respect to the mode of proceeding on Money Bills, has not had the Effect you desired from our Unhappily (instead of proposing Objections, or amendments to your Money Bill pursuant to the leave you had given us) Disputing the Rights you assume in respect to such a Bill and thereby Obstructing the Establishment of such a Claim Had you indeed Waved your Obstinate Adherence to your unwarrantable Assessment Bill and paid a due regard to our former Objections so far as they were Applicable, your Waiver had been of real Importance to his Majesty's Service and your own Credit, and might have afforded us some Encouragement, to add our assistance in promoting so laudable a design but we must take the Liberty to tell you that you waived nothing upon this Occasion because you had nothing to waive ; for your Claim of the same rights with the British House of Commons tho you seem inclined for the present to allow as those of the British House of Lords, will avail nothing, because having different foundations no Inference can be fairly drawn from the Right of One to Establish the Claims of the others ; the House of Commons have a law peculiar to themselves called *Lex parliamenti*, which is we presume founded on the Antient Usages of that perticular Body ; If you should be pleased to be called the House of Commons, We think you would gain nothing by such a measure because as the House of Commons of Maryland, would still be a distinct Body from the House of Commons of Great Britain, we do not perceive how assuming the Appellation of the British House of Commons, will trasfer to you that *Lex parliamenti* of the House of Commons in Britain, their Antient Usages not being your Usages ; and perhaps