

That Part of your Hon.^{rs} Proposal that respects taxing the People to support an Agent for themselves had it stood singly we should have gladly embraced and for that Purpose we have this Session as Lower Houses of Assembly have for a long Time past generally done sent a Bill to your Honours which hath as usual met with your Negative we think a Tax on the People at the Request of their Rep^rsentatives so well known to be their Sense a natural and indubitable Right and though the Obstructions it has hitherto met with may have procured temporary Conveniencies to the Government the Termination of all points in Dispute should we think be much more desirable to the Government itself

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With what Idea of Justice or real Utility to the Country your Hon.^{rs} have made the spacious Proposition "that all the public Creditors be immediately satisfied except the Members of the two Houses and the Clerk of the Council who may wait 'till a Decision of the Question shall be notified to us" we cannot conceive; your own Allowances you may with Justice defer the payment of as long as you please but this House actuated by no other Motives than those of Justice and an Attachment to the Rights and Interests of their Constituents cannot esteem their best Endeavours of so little Merit as to place them on a Level with the Clerk of the Council as to his unjust Claim Have your Honours objected in any Manner to the Justice of our Allowances? are they not given by an express Law? Is there a more rightful Claim in the Journal? Suppose the King and Council should determine in Favour of the Salary to the Clerk of the Council would the Clerk of the Council get his Salary the sooner or be in any Manner benefited by our laying out of our just Rights? Thinking the Expences incurred on Account of the late War ought from the peculiar Hardships to the Claimants to be preferred in Payment to all other public Debts we sent a List of those Debts and a Bill for their immediate Payment to your House you were pleased to indorse your Negative for no other Reason than "that there were other Persons equally entitled to Satisfaction from the Public who ought to be considered at the same Time with those who were favoured by the above Bill" How then can you the same Session propose such an Inconsistency to your own Reasoning? besides a full Payment would immediately circulate the more Money and consequently be more beneficial to the Country. But we are Apprehensive that the Payment of those Debts which we still wish Instant was obstructed and the new Proposition of a partial Payment made from Political Motives Offers of this Kind have been

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