

Circulation ; but if the Repayment of the Monies lent should be in Gold or Silver, such Gold and Silver will the better enable the Publick to discharge the Paper Money in Circulation, so that in either of the Cases, the Possessors of the Paper Money will have better Security and Expectations of having their Proportions paid as the Paper Currency Act directs, and consequently the Credit of our Fund better Supported, if none of the Monies unappropriated to particular Uses and Purposes be issued but on Loans, or be replaced, if issued otherways ; and although we must own the Paper Money has been formerly very liberally made use of, and that this (if any Occasion) can justify our further meddling with this Money, yet we ought certainly to take care to replace it, which this Bill has not in the least provided for.

We must further take notice, that this Bill directs Encouragements to Serjeants, Corporals and Drummers, which we apprehend are improper in such Cases, and impracticable at the times of Payment directed by the Bill.

The Preamble to the last Clause (except one) which speaks of the Punishment of those who shall leave his Majesty's Service, seems to clash with his Majesty's Authority established by frequent Acts of Parliament.

The Bill directs the Bounty to be paid to Persons as soon as they shall be enlisted : This, we are satisfied, must prove exceedingly prejudicial to his Majesty's Service, for it can hardly be imagined, but that such Money as soon as paid or spent, will forward, and not in the least restrain Desertions ; and we are thoroughly convinced that nothing can more surely prevent the desired Levies than the Clauses which take notice of Debtors ; for if the Law be clear, that Enlisting is an Exemption, we ought not to alter or in the least restrain the Effect of the Law in this Case ; But if that Point be doubtful, surely we ought not to resolve that Question, either by express or implicit Words, against such an Exemption, by a Bill which is to encourage the Levies, for you must without doubt be sufficiently apprized from the dispositions of our Inhabitants, that very few People, who are clear of Debt, and live with any tolerable Ease here, will by any Motives even of Honour and Riches be influenced to this Expedition, in the Station of Common Soldiers.

These Observations on your Bill seem to us so reasonable, that we question not but a full Conviction will arise from them in your Judgments, of the Impropriety and Mischiefs of the Bill as it now stands, in relation to our dutiful Intentions to his Majesty ; But as we can with much Truth assure you, not a less hearty Zeal in the common Cause of our Sovereign and Country actuates us than yourselves, we recommend to your Consideration