

*moderate Tax on the People, or by those Duties, will consequentially be the same, but that the first may perhaps be least burthensome to the People, for if such Duties be charged with the Repayment of this Money, the whole publick Levy must be raised by a Tax, and perhaps at once on the People; but if those Duties should not be so charged with the Repayment of this Sum for the Levies, it might be repaid by moderate and gradual Taxes, and the publick Levy, or some great part thereof, might be immediately paid out of the Office (which cannot be if this Money be taken out of the Duties) and such Money be repaid by those Duties. This we have in Command from our House to acquaint you with, that upon this Representation you may fix on which Method you please.*

The Conferrees of the Lower House desire to withdraw and take the Advice of their House thereon. And upon the Conferrees Meeting agrin,

The Conferrees of the Lower House, deliver themselves in the following Words.

*As the Repayment of the Money to be advanced for encouragement of the Levies, &c. out of the Current Money Duties, &c. or by a moderate Tax on the People, will be consequentially the same, we are directed by the Lower House to agree to which ever of the two ways your Honours shall be pleased to choose.*

The Conferrees of the Upper House make their Choice accordingly.

And it is therefore agreed by the Conferrees of both Houses, that the Money to be advanced for encouragement of Levies, be paid in by a moderate Tax on the People.

*Wednesday Morning, May 21. 1740.* The Conferrees enter upon the Consideration of a Bill for Raising Money for Arms and Ammunition.

The Conferrees of the Upper House deliver themselves in the Words following :

*Since your House has given our House the Choice of two Alternatives, one of which our House has taken, and since our House apprehends you have given no Reasons for their departing from the Choice they have made, we have it in Command from our House to know whether your House will not agree to such Choice, and if not, whether you have any Reasons to offer why our House should depart from the Choice they have made of one of your Alternatives.*

In Answer to which the Conferrees of the Lower House say, they desire to withdraw and acquaint their House therewith.

The Conferrees Adjourn until the Afternoon.

In the Afternoon the Conferrees met again.