

Vessels, which may happen to be Indebted or under any other Engagement, and this we think highly necessary to be done, because such Masters will neither have Time nor Opportunity to enquire into the Circumstances of the Soldiers by them to be Transported, nor the Soldiers have Time to comply with the Directions of the Act of Assembly in such Cases provided, neither are they under any Obligation so to do, and we think it unreasonable that the Masters should be exposed to such Hazards, who will be obliged to Transport such Soldiers as shall be put on board their Vessels.

Mr. *Tasker*, one of the Agents nominated in your Bill, desires to be excused from acting in that Trust, therefore we desire Col. *Gale* may be put in his stead; it would likewise be agreeable to this House, if you would name any other Member of your House instead of Doctor *Carroll*: It is well known what Danger his Majesty looks upon his Kingdoms to be in, from the *Irish* Roman Catholicks, and what Precautions have been taken against them at Home, and what Numbers of them are now actually in the *Spanish* Service making War against the Subjects of *Great Britain*; and tho' we firmly hope that the abovementioned Gentleman, in leaving the Roman Catholick Religion has abandoned all the other Principles of his Countrymen of the said Religion, and that he is as good and faithful a Subject as any his Majesty has, yet as he has but lately declared himself a Protestant, it might seem very strange to his Majesty and the principal Gentlemen who are intrusted with the Embarkation of the Levies to be raised in this Province for the intended Expedition against some of the Dominions of his Catholick Majesty in the *West-Indies*, to find, that we should think no Gentleman in this Country properer to be employed in such Service, than One who has so lately prevailed upon himself to take the Oaths to his Majesty.

We assure you we do not mention this out of any Inclination to have any Dispute with your House, or to cast the least Reflection upon this Gentleman, but only to testify the sincere Zeal we have for his Majesty's Service, and to prevent the Imputation of any Blame to ourselves, for not taking proper Care about the fitness of the Persons to be employed in an Affair which is so strongly recommended to our Care by his Majesty; and we hope upon Consideration the Gentleman himself will think he is obliged to us for endeavouring to remove all danger of any Imputation which might be thrown upon him, in case of any ill Accidents, that may unavoidably happen in the abovementioned Service, let it be executed never so honestly and faithfully.

There are several other Amendments which we think necessary in this Bill,