

May it please your Honours,

THE House of Delegates have desired this Conference, on the proposed Amendments of your House, to the Bill, *for his Majesty's Service*, in Hopes thereby to expedite the same, that it may be carried into Execution, and notwithstanding their undoubted Right of forming Money Bills, and granting Money, have agreed to several Amendments to that Bill proposed by your House, in Order to give Dispatch thereto, which Concessions they Hope will not be drawn into Precedent.

And we are instructed to acquaint your Honours, that the House cannot depart from their Resolution of not agreeing to the proposed Amendment, set forth in our first Reason, and that there is a Mistake in omitting to insert the Sum of 3000 *l.* in the Bill, in the 4th Line of the 3d Page, which it is desired may be inserted in its proper Place; your Conferrees then delivered the following Reasons, *viz.*

To the Second Amendment our House cannot agree, because by the Bill, as sent up, a Mode was ascertained for Recovery of the Tax imposed upon Hawkers and Pedlars, and an Encouragement given to Informers to prosecute, both which are struck out by the Amendment, and no Mode prescribed for the Recovery of the Tax: As this House had no Inclination to draw his Lordship's Claim to Fines and Forfeitures into Question, upon this Occasion (which seems to be done by the Amendment) all Tendency towards it was carefully avoided by the Bill; for these Reasons it is hoped their Honours will not adhere to the Amendment proposed to that Part of the Bill.

To the Fourth Amendment the House cannot agree, because they apprehend it may leave Room for evading the Tax.

To the Sixth Amendment, by which it is proposed to give the Naval Officer such Commission as is usually received upon other Duties, they cannot agree, because they think the Commission settled by the Bill is adequate to the Service; although our House have agreed to the Amendment for replacing the Money to be taken out of the Treasurer's Hands, yet they think that Amendment imperfect, as it is not ascertained what Sum of Current Money (which only can be raised by the Funds) shall be applied to that Purpose, nor what Proportion of the Money arising on each Fund shall be annually paid to the Treasurers, and what to the Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office, and therefore propose that the Sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds be paid to the Treasurers, in lieu of the Three Hundred Pounds Sterling to be taken out of their Hands, and that One Eighth Part of the Money arising on each Fund be annually paid to them for that Purpose; upon which the Conferrees of the Upper House said they must recur to their House for their Sense thereof: And on the next Day, being the 25th, the Conferrees of both Houses met in the Conference Chamber, and the Conferrees of the Upper House were pleased to deliver the following Reasons, by Way of Answer to those delivered by the Conferrees of the Lower House, *viz.*

By your Objections to the Second Amendment, we take it for granted, you have agreed to the First, and in Answer to the Objections we say, that a Mode is ascertained for the Recovery of the Tax by a Prosecution at Law, and although nothing is particularly given by the proposed Amendment for the Encouragement of Informers, yet as it is made an Act of Duty in the several Officers mentioned therein to carry the Act into Execution, we think that is sufficient, and we had not the least Intention to draw his Lordship's Claim to the Fines and Forfeitures into Question, on which Point we are fully satisfied.

To the Objection against the Fourth Amendment, we say, we do not apprehend where Room is left for evading the Tax, and desire you would point it out to us. In Answer to your Objection to the Sixth Amendment, we say, that in our Judgment, the Naval Officers must be entitled to the same Commission as upon other Duties, unless some Reason can be assigned to the contrary. As to your last Objection, we say, that if there be any Defect in the Amendment proposed, we are willing to agree to any Alteration therein as shall be found necessary, and that the Bill may be amended accordingly; Then the Conferrees of the Lower House retired to their House for further Instructions, and met the Conferrees of the Upper House in the Conference Chamber, and delivered to them the Instructions as follow, *viz.*

We are directed by the Lower House of Assembly to acquaint your Honours, that they (for the Reasons assigned Yesterday), will not depart from their Resolution upon the Second Amendment, proposed by the Upper House to the Bill, *for his Majesty's Service*; and, in Order that an End be put to the Conference, desire to know the final Resolution of the Upper House, whether they will agree to that Part of the Bill, as it was sent up from the Lower House, to which, if the Upper House doth concede, we are at large to proceed to the other Amendments; Then the Conferrees of the Upper House retired to their House for Instructions, and the Conferrees of both Houses being met again in the Conference Chamber, the Conferrees of the Upper House delivered the following Answer, to the Conferrees of the Lower House, as Instructions from the Upper House, *viz.*

In Answer to what you have delivered to us by the Direction of your House, we are instructed, by the Upper House, to say, that by our Second Amendment of the Bill *for his Majesty's Service*, all the Purposes of