

from being a Branch of the Legislature, for if it is the Duty of the Lower House to frame Bills agreeable to the Sense of the Upper House, because without their Concurrence there can be no Law, the Lower House is a mere Cypher in the Constitution, and may as well send up a *Charte Blanche* to the Upper House, and receive any Bill they shall think fit to frame, as to send up a Bill, and then submit to any Alterations they shall propose, because forsooth *no Bill without their Assent can pass*. So that what is fit and right should never be considered by the Lower House, but what may suit the Palate, or meet with the Approbation of the Upper House, should be the only Rule of their Measures, in the Forming of Bills. But it is asked, why have the Lower House sent up a Bill upon the same Plan which has been so often rejected by the Upper House? The Answer is obvious; because they thought it a good Plan, and the only Mode by which a fair equitable Taxation could be established, and while they entertain the same Opinion of it, they will ever be justified in adhering to it. But suppose the Question should be retorted, Why have the Gentlemen of the Upper House rejected it so often? How does it comport with such repeated Professions of Loyalty to His Majesty, to reject so frequently such liberal Grants from the Representatives of the People? I'll give their Answer from their own Message; because it is, say they, (without attempting to give a single Reason for their Assertion) a confused, absurd, unjust, unequal, and oppressive Assessment. But why did the