

Had this Plan been once permitted to have been carried into Execution, we should have seen what the Country could have raised, by a certain Poundage upon their whole Property, and, on any future Occasion, the Legislature would have had nothing to do but consider the Sum necessary to be raised, and settle the Poundage, and the whole Business might have always been done with Dispatch to His Majesty's Requisitions, Harmony in the several Branches of the Legislature, and very little Expence to the People. The present Lower House say, that their Bill was such an One as would have produced all those good Effects, and, in its present Form, framed so as to be clear of all the reasonable Objections made in 1758 to the Bill, as it then stood. By all the last mentioned Plans, there was to be a very partial, unequal, and, in some Cases, a double Taxation of particular Kinds of Property, whilst many other Kinds, which might be possessed by quite different People, were wholly untouched; did not it then shew a just Spirit of Equity in the Majority of the Lower House, no sooner than such partial and unequal Plans were proposed, to vote them out?

Their Honours seem, in this Passage, to have discharged their whole Artillery against the Lower House; but notwithstanding the dreadful Hurley-burley it makes, it is nothing but an harmless Explosion of Wind. Whatever they may think of the Matter, there is a mighty Difference between Argument and Declamation, between the Evidence which reasonable Men require, and that