

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
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Room to doubt of our noble Proprietor's Generosity, and good Inclinations to contribute as far as his Ancestors have done, towards rendering effectual his Majesty's Royal Intentions, for our common Security and Support, with which his Lordship's Proprietary Interest is inseparably connected, we cannot but esteem your Refusal of the Bill, on Account of his Prerogative, a Restraint upon such his Generosity and good Intentions.

Upon the whole, as we have now given your Honours an Opportunity of offering an Amendment to that Part of the Bill, the Impropriety of which, you say, is a material Objection against it; as we think you must be satisfied, that so small an Addition to the capital Stock for a few Months, and that at a Time, when the Demand for Money must be greatly increased, cannot depreciate the Value of our Currency, and as we have clearly shewn, that the Lord Proprietor, by accepting the Fines on Ordinary Licences for many Years from the People, has manifestly given up all Right, if he ever had any, to claim them by Prerogative, we shall rest the Matter here; and if your Honours shall, at this Time of imminent Danger, think fit finally to refuse this Bill, on Account of the Appropriation of those Fines, which at three several Times, on less important Occasions, have been applied in the same Manner as is now proposed, without any the least Objection from our Lords Proprietary; and if his Lordship's Claim to them by Prerogative, which at best must appear even to your Honours extreamly doubtful, shall have so much Weight with you as to Occasion the Loss of this Bill, it must fail, and we shall rest satisfied with having done every

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Thing in our Power to procure it's Passage, consistently with the Rights of the People and our Privileges; and conclude, with expressing our Concern, that on so important an Occasion, nothing could avail but our giving up those Rights and Privileges, and thereby violating the sacred Trust reposed in us by our Country.

If yet, unhappily, what we have offered should fail of the much desired Effect, and it should be your Honour's final Determination, still to refuse this Bill, we hope for it speedily, that a Stop may be put to the increasing Burthen of this Session.

Signed per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House, with the Bill entituled, An Act for raising a Supply towards his Majesty's Service, by Mr. Lloyd, and 12 more.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Major Hall, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an ingrossed Bill entituled, An Act for regulating