

Acknowledgment in his Mouth, that it would be evaded by one half of the Objects of it. I say then, it is a publick Injury on the other half, and it is an Injury of the very worst Sort, since the Burthen will be imposed upon the worthy, and the unworthy will escape it. It is not even pretended by the Advocates for this Tax, that the Collection of it ever can be enforced. It is an Excise-Duty, without the Benefits of an Excise. Why do Excise-Duties produce such large Revenues? Because the Visitation of the Officer detects the Frauds. But it is urged as the Merit of this Bill, that the Excise-Officer is never to enter a private House. *At present I know he has no such Power*, nor is it fit that he ever should, and therefore the Revenue never can be collected. There is but one Person who can enforce the Execution of the Law, and that is the Servant in every private House who has the Custody of the Plate, and who may inform against his Master if he makes a false Entry. People were justly disgusted, that in every Family one Servant should be chosen by the Publick, to be a Spy on his Master, and