

Cards and Dice only excepted;) the Impropriety of which has not been so glaring and notorious, as instantly to revolt the Mind almost of every one that has heard it.

When we consented, in a Manner totally unprecedented, to mortgage the S—k—g F——d, *in the first Instance*, as a Security for the two Millions borrowed; it was solemnly promised, that a Variety of Taxes should be offered, that P———t might make Choice of those which were most proper to replace the seventy Thousand Pounds Interest of those two Millions. It happened indeed that those whose Offices obliged them to propose the Taxes, did not just then fully understand them; but it was hoped, that in a little Time they would learn, and be able to repeat, their Lesson. This mighty Promise was fulfilled, by offering a Variety, tho' not a Choice, of Taxes; for the estimated Produce of all of them together, did but barely replace the Interest of the two Millions.

The first was a Tax on Bricks and Tiles. The last was a Tax (now depending) on Plate. The former scarce outlived the first Explanation. By the universal Consent of Mankind, *Plaudente populo & sen—tu*, it was