

gainful Course of Trade; throw it all into the Sea, for if your Trade is against you, it will be of no Use, since you must part with it to pay your Debts, and if your Trade is beneficial in a few Years, you will be worth 10,000 $\frac{1}{2}$  again. Such is the Knowledge of our present Financiers in the Principles of Trade and Commerce.

What Quantity of Silver will be thrown into the Market in Consequence of this Tax it is hard to determine. That great Quantities must come is certain. All the Infants Plate will be sold. What Guardian will for twenty Years together pay Taxes for Plate. Nay it is insisted on by the Ministers that this Plate ought to be sold, and they rejected a Proposition calculated to prevent it. Besides this, every Family almost is possessed of some Piece or other of superfluous Plate, and this they will sell in Order to bring their Quantity below the next hundred Ounces. The Tax therefore is impolitick.

Let us consider it next as a Tax of *Revenue*. All Taxes of this Nature ought to be general and equal. I admit that all Taxes are finally paid by Property, that the sooner you