

It has been commonly understood, at least since the glorious revolution, that the consent of the British Lords and Commons, i. e. of all men within the realm, must be obtained to make a tax legal there. The consent of the lords and commons of his majesty's ancient and very respectable kingdom of Ireland, has also been deemed necessary to a taxation of the subjects there. The consent of the two houses of assembly in the colonies has till lately been also thought requisite for the taxation of his majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the colonists. *Sed tempora mutantur.*

I would ask Mr. J----s, if when a knight of a shire, or burghers of a borough, civil military, or errant, possessed of a real estate, votes for a land tax, he does not tax himself and consent to such tax? And does he not by thus voting, tax himself as an *identical* individual, as well as some of his silly neighbours, who "may have ears but no understanding", and be therefore in great danger at a future election of choosing an empty *individuum vagum* to manage their highest concerns. 'Tis much to be lamented that these people with "ears but