

found in the establishing of it, but the greatest that occurs to me at present, will be, that Seamen knowing they have to pay such a Tax, will not go to Sea without having so much more Wages in Proportion to the Tax, and so it will fall upon the Trade. To this I answer, if that was the Case, it would become a greater Grievance than that intended to be removed; but I look upon our trading Gentlemen in whose Hands the whole of that will depend, to be better Managers; for if Seamen could have what Wages they please, they may as well insist on 10*l.* a Month, as three Pounds; and there would be no End to their Extortions. But as few of them cares to go to Sea whilst their Money lasts, it will be greatly the Merchant's Interests to keep the Wages low, for by that Means they may be able to trade with a smaller Capital to supply their Correspondents with cheaper Goods, and get their Ships the sooner and easier to Market.

I do not pretend to be capable of representing the Benefit of the above Scheme in all its Advantages. Its from a hearty Desire to do good to my Country I have published these few Hints (the first of which I had from a neighbouring Gentleman, viz. that of the Tax) expecting no more from them than that something may be gathered that may prove useful to an able Hand, towards the promoting any Scheme for manning the Royal Navy with less Grievance to the Subject.