

FIRST, The *Landed Men*, it is true, have in Time of War been taxed 4 Shillings in the Pound, and which by the Way they have generally paid without repining, when they were satisfied the Necessities of the State required it.— But it is to be remembered, that tho' the Tax is called Four Shillings in the Pound, it is very well known that in several Parts of *England* the Land is not even then rated at Two Shillings in the Pound, whatever it may be in *London* and some of the Counties round it. Now, for Argument sake, suppose, as in this Case, should the full Four Shillings in the Pound be paid, is not the Land theirs for ever? does it not belong to them to defend it? — for this is not a Quarrel of Ambition and Humour, but to assert the Nation's just Rights in the most essential Part; for should our Enemy prevail in conquering and destroying our Settlements in the *East* and *West Indies*, how long will HOME BRITAIN be free from those Invaders? — I shudder at the very Thoughts of it, — and therefore make no Doubt of the Readiness of the *Landed Men*, to assist on so arduous an Occasion; for if otherwise, GOD knows who may become Possessors of their Lands, and consequently in such a Confusion the glorious Names of FREEMEN and FREEHOLDERS will be soon buried in the Ruins of their Country.