

This might carry the air of envy, and a desire to supplant you in some important post, had I not already so clearly set forth the causes of our disgust, and the full resolution of every man of us not to *submit* to let ourselves be appointed to any place, however important, however lucrative. The present opposition avows the same principles, and acts upon the same generous and national plan of all the great oppositions since the revolution, who having nothing but the real good of their country at heart, could never be biassed by personal interest, deluded by profits; or seduced by titles; it would therefore be fruitless to attempt silencing us by a ribbon or a place—we soar above such mean influence.

It is publicly reported, that your Lordship intends to use your interest to take off the late additional tax upon porter, so burthensome to the poorer sort of people, particularly labourers, to whom it is both food and nourishment, in order to lay it upon some article that is not so immediately connected with the necessities of the working part of the nation. Indeed it is said that your Lordship strenuously opposed this tax at the time of its being laid on, representing the hardship it would be to the mechanical world, and was inclined to produce the sum required by an additional impost upon rum and melasses, articles of luxury and superfluity; but that

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