that this House (consisting generally of too few to spare Members for many Committees) should be satisfied of the ~~true~~ honest & true adjustment of such Claims, why will You send Us the Journal to examine, & not rather offer Us instead thereof a Levy Bill providing for the payment of ~~such~~ the publick ~~Claimants~~ ~~Claims~~ Creditors whose Claims You may choose to put on the same Footing with Your own; & if We have no Right to see the Vouchers exhibited by Creditors in support of their Claims ~~to~~ what purpose should we look into the Journal when You send it up to Us? To prevent Your putting forced Constructions on any Expressions in the Message You allude to or making unfair Deductions from them in order to mislead others We think it necessary to tell You plainly that it was not the Intention nor is it the Desire of this House to have a Poll Tax laid ~~on the people~~ for payment ~~to the purpose~~ of the publick Creditors if there shall be Money enough for that purpose in the Treasury exclusive of what has been raised for His Majesty's Service. We are ~~not yet~~ very far Gentlemen from being desirous to lay any Burthen on the Inhabitants that can possibly be avoided, & well would it be for the good People of this province of whose Applause You seem so confident, if it was as much in our power as Inclination to lighten those that will necessarily fall on them.

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