

An Humble  
**PROPOSAL**

To the Honourable  
**The House of Commons,**

By Doctor *HUGH CHAMBERLEN*.

**W** Hereas this Honourable House have now before them the speedy Raising such a Tax as may Discharge the Arrears of the Navy and Army, and support the Charge of the War. Now the said Doctor *Chamberlen* humbly prays to be admitted, to shew, to a Committee of Parliament, a Method that will certainly answer the aforesaid Ends, without any new Imposition on the People; and will, moreover, effectually provide for all the Poor, and repair all the High-ways for ever.

And this to be effected, by substituting a new Mint or Establishment for a new Species of Money, by Authority of Parliament, in such a Proportion, and so circumstantiated, as to Value, Duration and Convenience, that the present Publick Stock of the Nation shall be vastly increased; to the general Benefit, without Injury to any.

*A short Scheme or Specimen of it is, viz.*

The Rates for the Poor and High-ways are now probably \* esteemed above two Millions *per annum*; hitherto they have been ineffectual to those Ends, and for what appears may ever be so: Let those Rates be reduced to one Million *per annum*, and settled for an hundred Years above Repairs.

\* The true *Quantum* the House may easily know.

Let there be issued out of this new Mint or Establishment one hundred Millions, in this New Species of Money, under a Parliamentary Regulation and Inspection; upon Condition to receive back one Million *per annum*, to be cancelled as paid.

And thus, at the end of an hundred Years, the whole new Species will be quite destroyed: Yet in the mean time the whole hundred Millions will in a few Years be an Additional Stock to the Nation; of which ten Millions to be employed for the War, fifty more for the Poor and High-ways; the Orphans of *London* also to be paid, and other Great and National Works to be done.

All great things had once a beginning when no Precedent could be brought for them.

Things mean, or ill, derive no Authority from Precedent.

Things excellent in themselves carry their own Weight.

If this Proposal can be reduced to Practice, it will answer all it pretends too: And that it can be safely and easily effected, this Proposer is ready most clearly to evince, only praying a calm and equal Hearing; and that no Objection may be taken for granted, till his Answer has been heard and weighed.

*NOTE,*

I. That at the end of this hundred Years, the annual Payment of one Million will entirely cease; and the Poor and High-ways be thence forward, for ever, maintained without a Penny Charge to the People.

II. The whole Sum is but the Interest of fifty Millions to be laid out on the Poor and High ways only; and that Interest but for forty Years, and at five Pound *per Cent.* without paying the Principal; and that forty Years Interest to be an hundred Years paying.

