

tody and burthening them with Changes on Complaints made to Your House that they had misbehaved not through Corruption but if at all by mistake in point of Judgment and the matters were no way relative to your Priviledges and consequently you had no Colour or Pretence of legal Authority to interpose thus Your House in a Judicial as well as Legislative Power by pretending to raise Money when and how you please to call whom you please Before you and to give Arbitrary Judgments in defiance of all Reason & Magna Charta it self and however illegal iniquitous and unjust your Judgments may be the unhappy sufferer has no Remedy but must submit this is an extensive Power with a Witness and no doubt a very desirable one to men whose Ambition it is to make their own Will the only Rule of their Conduct and which you may be Assured I should immediately have taken notice of in support of Magistracy and the due Execution of the Laws if I had not been prevented by the same Reasons as before influenced me with regard to your Determination on the Elections

However when by my stifling all Resentments at these unheard of Proceedings and by the Moderation of the Upper House these Laws the most advantageous and desirable to the People were prepared and every thing was in a fair Way of being finished which could contribute to their Happiness, you have rather Chose that they should lose the Advantage of what was proposed to be done than that some Provision should be made for the defence of the Country, notwithstanding the dangers with which it is surrounded in this time of War and after you have taken all the Care and Pains in your Power to publish the weak defenceless Condition it is in and the very Representatives who have been so strenuous in their Endeavours to Burthen the people with 2<sup>d</sup> p hhd on Tobacco to support an Agent as above ment<sup>d</sup> Absolutely refuse to give or raise any thing towards the defence of the Lives and Fortunes of their Constituents or Consent that One hundred Pounds should be taken out of a Sum already raised as a present for the Indians agreeable to the Examples of the Governments of New York Pennsylvania & Virginia at a time when it is so necessary to keep the Friendship of that People, What other Interpretation can be put on this Behaviour but that either you are desirous the Province should be exposed to the common Enemy or unwilling your Constituents should have the Benefit of the several Beneficial Laws prepared for my Assent In the first Light You must stand Condemned by every dutiful Fellow Subject and for the last your Constituents have no Reason to thank you however you may have answered the Wishes of some among you which was to bring myself under a difficulty how to Act my Duty to his Majesty & Care for the Safety of the whole Province were on one side of the Question and my Earnestness for the Quietness and Ease of the People on the other these last I believe would have determined me if I had