

men will bee a aduantage of the ffreeholder. & Prouince, not the ffreemen. the burthen of the Gouvern<sup>t</sup> doth in peace War en, who can easily abandone us, & could they the Province in generall, w<sup>ch</sup> wee know they cannott. And would the ffreemen doe it, ye—if to gaine them to stay wee should forbear to doe that w<sup>ch</sup> is best for the ffreeholder of the Prouince, that hath stock, Wife & Children fixed, & irremouable as wee may say here, Wee were unworthy to bee called the Two howses of Assembly. But wee know that eyther they cannot leaue the Prouince for poverty, or will stay in itt, 'till the meane price of Tob driue them out of it; or ells (w<sup>ch</sup> wee more feare) force them to committ Outrages in itt, for want of Necessaries, not to bee provided by Tob. because worth nothing,

5. Yo<sup>r</sup> fift reason sayes, the quantity of Tob. doth not lessen the price here, but the want of ships to fetch it away. What is this in plaine English, but to say, That there is more Tob then the ships that are or were here this yeare can carry away? Have wee not then glutted the present markt here? Why then shall wee not haue a Cessaōn to make Tob beare a price here? And that it will beare, when Every ship that by chance comes, cannott haue Loading.

Wittnes that yeare when M<sup>r</sup> Humphrey Warren

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2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> H. Bills of Exchange, rather then att London yeilded not about three halfe offer att any time hopes of more spect the War should end this two uaine to plant that w<sup>ch</sup> by yo<sup>r</sup> owne upon the whole matter Wee see noe reason that Act for Encowragem<sup>t</sup> of Trade ports it us, to heare that T beare if it will not buy us shirts here & then it will bee deare, & p w<sup>ch</sup> now it will not, & w<sup>th</sup>out

Wherefore the Gouverno<sup>r</sup> & men of the Lower howse, to uince in want of Cloaths, noe meanes provided as yett Comodity Tob of sufficient ualew to purchase eyther Cloathing or Armes to defend us. The last assembly denyed us a power to maintaine War w<sup>th</sup>out the Limitts of the Prouince. The consequence of that was, the unreuenged, nay as yett unreuengeable murder of Thirty innocent poeple, & the ruine of more yett lyuing, in their Estates & Plantations. Yo<sup>u</sup> thinke yo<sup>u</sup> have done better by gyuing us a power to maintaine War w<sup>th</sup>out the Prouince, by Leauyng Tob. What signifyes th<sup>t</sup> Act unlesse by a Cessaōn yo<sup>w</sup> bring it to a ualue & Estimaōn? Could Tob procure soe much as Creditt for meate & drinke & necessary Expences att New Yorke for p<sup>r</sup>sons to bee sent thither. Co<sup>ll</sup> Nicholls might p<sup>r</sup>haps procure us a Certaine & Cheape peace w<sup>th</sup> the Cinigoes, as is manifest by his noble obliging & friendly Letters sent into