

Defence of the Province, but cavill with the words of their owne vote of the tenth instant inserted into the Act, and other clauses soe that they rendred the Act little to the Defence of the Province and soe persisted till the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. On the ffifteenth Wee found the Evill wee feared had overtaken us, Murders were committed by the Northern Indians, and wee pressed our two houses to come to some result that wee might send away the Officers to their severall Charges who as members of the two houses were there detained from the necessary Defence of the Province: The 16<sup>th</sup> September our Upper house thought fitt to press the lower house to declare themselves in the point concerning the protection of our friend Indians at Pascattoway, The warr being begunn by the Northern Indians but they refused to meddle in it, soe that wee found our selves obleiged to end this chargeable consultation and to endeavour the protection of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects here committed to our charge, and to the end things might not be worne out of Memory chose rather to adjourne this Assembly till the first November next; who must remember their owne Votes, that the Warr is begunn by the Northern Enemy and not by us, that they if any body must answer for the blood that is already spilt and not Wee who pressed them to a timely prevention. And Wee doe declare to the whole world that as wee doe certainly know there were many understanding honest well meaneing Gentlemen in the Lower house that did lay these things to heart and would have prevented the mischiefs that have happened had they not been out voted soe we doe as certainly know that all those struglings for Imaginary priviledges were countenanced by a party in the lower house onely in hopes to gett more members of their faction Elected who would alwayes oppose Musters Trainings, and all protections by armes without which noe Governm<sup>t</sup> can subsist, and who from time to time breake all Laws of that nature made, and for Conscience sake (as they pretend) will see their brother or father murdered rather then stirr one foote to his Defence or expend one penny for his protection; And yett these are the men that traduce us and lay the fault of these chargeable consultations at our doores, as if all the delays of protection had sprung from Us, but as wee are well assured We have done our endeavour to expedite the protection of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects, soe we hope all rationall men will judge aright of our Actions, and in future Elections beware of Chooseing Delegates who shall endeavour to stifle their protection in its birth, and if any Lawes shall be made for the publick Safety maugre their endeavours shall be the chiefe breakers of them and Traducers of the Government and Governo<sup>rs</sup> for doeing their Duty, and that for Conscience sake as