

the Resolutions of the Lower House of Assembly in this Province to represent this Government and Ourselves to Your Majesty in some injurious and disadvantageous Light, We most humbly beg Leave to approach your Majesty with this Address, That by laying before your Majesty the Conduct of the same Lower House in only One Instance (among many Others) We most humbly presume their extraordinary Views & Desires to assume to themselves all Power and Authority, will appear to have so great Influence in their Consultations, as to render every Opposition to their irregular Proceedings, and unwarrantable Expectations, in their Opinions a Grievance and Matter of Complaint; Wherefore We most humbly take the Liberty of informing Your Majesty, that by temporary Acts of Assembly for about twenty five years past there has been Money annually raised by a Duty of Three pence on Every hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province, and expressly appropriated for the Purchase of Arms and Ammunition for it's Defence, but in March 1734/5 An Act raising the like Duty, and to the same Uses and Purposes was made, and to continue for Three Years and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after the said Three Years, which Act being in Force in 1739 This Lower House of Assembly absolutely refused to revive or longer continue

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We Your Majestys Loyal Subjects being as an Upper House of Assembly One distinct Branch of the Legislature and sensible of the defenceless and unguarded State of Our Frontiers, and unarmed Condition of Our Inhabitants, took Notice of this Disposition of the Lower House towards a Law which so immediately related to the Safeguard and Preservation of this Province, and pressed them to a Revival or Continuance of that Act, by representing that it nearly concerned the Honour and Preservation of this Part of your Majestys Dominions, especially at this Time of Uncertainty, whether there would be War or Peace in Europe, and that it would not be adviseable for the Governor to pass any Bill, which might make a Session and determine that Act for Arms and Ammunition for Defence of the Province, unless such Act should be revived or continued; These Considerations having no Effect on their Unwillingness to continue that Act, The Assembly was prorogued without the Passage of One Bill into a Law, so that no Session was made, principally that the same Act for Arms and Ammunition might still continue in force

We were in hopes, May it please Your Majesty, that the Lower House at the Session held in April 1740 would have been thoroughly convinced by Our Actual War with Spain, and the Rumour of One with France (whose Settlements are near and dangerous to Our Frontiers) of the Reasonableness