

U H. J. for the Defence of this Province and with the following Amendm^{ts}
Lib. No. 33 will pass, after the Word of in 12th Line to the word Assembly in
14th Line to be left out and the following inserted for the purchasing
Arms & Ammunition, for the Maintaining a Magazine for the better
defence of this Province and for the due preservation thereof, and
paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of this Province for the time
being to be disposed of to the Uses afs^d as the Governour & Council
for the Time being shall direct

Signed ꝑ order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

Sent to the Lower House with the following Message by Mi^l
Howard Esq^r

By the Upper House of Assembly 16th April 1735

Gentlemen

Having sent you the Bill for raising 3^d ꝑ hhd for purchasing
Arms & Ammunition with an Amend^{mt} which is absolutely necessary
to prevent confounding the Legislative Part of our Constitution
with the Executive part of it, we think it incumbent on us to Express
ourselves so fully and clearly upon that Head as may if possible
prevent all mistakes and Misunderstandings between the two houses
about things of this Nature which we shall always endeavour to
avoid as far as lies in our power

All mony raised by the Parliament of Great Brittain is constantly
p. 340 appropriated to some particular use, and the Commons think it their
Duty in regard to those they represent to call for Accounts from
Time to Time to see that the mony is disposed of according to the
Appropriation of it, but are never concerned in the actual laying of
it out which indeed in the nature of the British Constitution is im-
practicable

This Privilege Gentlemen has never been denied the Representa-
tives of the good People of this Province, but all Accounts of the
publick Mony have been constantly laid before them when called for
to go further & break in upon the executive Part of our Constitution
is so far from being for the Advantage of those you represent that it
can only tend to throw us into Confusion and put a Stop to all Sorts
of publick Business whatsoever, all these things will appear so very
plain & obvious to you upon the least Enquiry that we cannot but
flatter ourselves that you will see no reason to depart from the old
way in which the 3^d ꝑ hhd has been always hitherto raised for the
necessary Defence of the Province

Signed ꝑ order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

Adjourned until two of the Clock in the Afternoon