

Ammunition has been withheld from such Uses and Purposes by his Lordship U. H. J.
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We must acknowledge Ourselves very much Misinformed and Mistaken, if the Act concerning Ordinaries is not greatly desired or thought proper for the Ease and Happiness of the Province; The Observation You make of its being much complained of reaches p. 67 very frequently the best Laws, and the most desireable frequently have not their designed Effect by an ill Execution of them but surely that can be no Objection to the Law; It may be a very good Reason for the Legislators to make such further Provision as may be necessary and more effectual for the due Execution of it, thô not to lay the Law entirely aside

The Excuse you endeavour to make for not reviving the Assize Law, will not perhaps suit the Purpose it is designed for so well as you imagine; for what you say amounts to this, that you sent up a Bill to this House with some Alterations different from the former Law, which this House thinking not fit to pass, you determined that the Country should rather be without an Assize Law than have the Old One; but by the Ease and Conveniency which the Inhabitants have by the Assize Law, We judge that Law is greatly wished and desired, and therefore We should be much wanting in Our good Will to the People, if We took any Step at this Juncture to destroy it

Let the Consequence and Influence of Our Advice as a Council of State to his Excellency be what it will, yet We apprehend our candid Mention of what such Advice would be by Our present Proceedings and State of the Country deserved a different Notice from that you are pleased to take of it in the latter Part of Your Message; We on your Mention of the approaching Close of this Convention or Session (as it may happen) considering what had been transacted or omitted by the Two Houses, very soon found that all the Bills which had passed the Two Houses except One Bill for Encouragement of making Linnen Cloth were either of a Private Nature or revived Laws, which would otherwise continue if this Meeting should not be a session, therefore this House then concluded, and We are still of the same Opinion that it is either necessary to revive the Laws mentioned in Our Message of the 8th Instant, or expedient not to make this Meeting a Session; lest by that Means & for the sake of having that One publick Law, we should be deprived of so many others of much greater Consequence to the Country; This We acquainted you with, & in Return you look upon it as threatning you

Freedom, Gentlemen, is so dear and valuable to Ourselves, that we shall always preserve a just Regard to the Representatives of a free People, And we cannot comprehend How your Right of considering the Necessity of Taxes & imposing them is the least infringed by Our Hopes that you would consider the Necessity of reviving some Laws which raise Money, and by laying before you