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Gentlemen

Upon Consideration of Your Message this Morning, we cannot avoid observing that although you would endeavour to deprive this House of a Part in the Legislature which We undoubtedly have, Yet you would compliment us with a Power of the Seals which We have not, and We desire you will excuse Us from appointing a time for seeing the Laws sealed, since We cannot command the seals at any time

Signed ʔ Order John Ross Cl Up H

Edmund Jenings Esq^r & Col Gale are sent to the Lower House with the following Message

M^r Speaker

p. 70 The Governor finding by Your Address just now presented to him that no Business lays before you, We have it in Command from his Excellency to require the Attendance of Your House in the Upper House immediately

The Speaker and the whole House attend to whom His Excellency makes the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

The Gentlemen of the Upper House have so fully shewn the Obligation I am under, of doing everything in my Power to continue the many useful Laws which they have mentioned to you, that I have little to add upon that head; only I cannot help expressing my Surprize at the Resolutions your House seems to have taken, to use your utmost Endeavours to deprive the Country of the Fund, that has subsisted for so many Years, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province, at this Time especially, when it is so necessary for all his Majestys Colonies in America, to put themselves into such a Condition, as may not only enable them to defend themselves, if they should be attacked, but to assist their Neighbours in the like unhappy Circumstances

In such a Conjuncture it would certainly be much more proper to increase the abovementioned Fund than to destroy it, Our Loyalty & Duty to his Majesty in such times of General Danger, being much better expressed by our Actions, than by the most high sounding Words, which it is well known the Enemies of his Majestys Government in all his Dominions are very often more lavish of, than his most faithful Subjects, whose true Loyalty and Affection prompt them to something more reall and substantial

As to what you say in Your Message to the Upper House, “ That you cannot well see how those who have had the Disposition