

U. H. J. but to be destructive to the Rights of Your Constituents, you Gentle-
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You say very truly that Our first and Principal Reason for not concurring with the Bill for Arms &c was, because It ought to subsist for a determined time, and to the End of the next Session, and your Offers of the Alternatives which you make in Relation to that Bill without answering the Arguments We used in Our Message to support such a Continuance fully perswade Us that We were in the Right to insist on such a Continuance, and that you yourselves thought so; But your not agreeing to such a Continuance seems to arise from your Apprehensions that Acts made for a determined time, and to the End of the next Session although temporary Laws, might endure as long as any particular Branch of the Legislature thinks proper, This Reason, if good in this Case, may be so in Others, and perhaps for the future prevent the Continuance of any Law whatsoever by force of such a Duration contrary to the Inclination of any Part of the Legislature

We must own several of us enjoy Places of Trust and Profit under the Lord Proprietary, from whence you would insinuate a very blameable Subserviency: Such Language is so common from those out of the Place to those in Place that It deserves no other Notice from Us, than that your often hinting at Our Places convinces Us
 p. 38 that they are generally uppermost in your Thoughts, and that you are not so much displeas'd with the Places, as with Those that have them, which you no doubt think may be supply'd with some more worthy Persons of your Acquaintance Although We are unwilling to own or agree with you in this, yet We really wish for the Quiet and Happiness of the Country, His Lordship had a few more Places worth the Acceptance of some other Persons besides Ourselves; We cannot comprehend what You would have Us understand when you talk "of being deprived of a Session for the Sake of the Act of Arms" &c. "and another Act of the like kind on purpose to drive you into things inconsistent with the Interest of the Province" when you may be pleas'd to explain the Particulars of this Assertion we hope to be able to give it an Answer, but at present this Art of dealing in Generals renders your Expression too mysterious for Our Capacitys

We are now come to the only thing you have hitherto agreed with us in, which is our Assertion of the Uncertainty how long War with Spain will continue or how soon another with France may begin if not already proclaimed And therefore you have declared Yourself ready to agree either to a double or larger Sum for the Defence of the Province, or to a longer time so as there may be a fixed Time of Determination: Our Desires are too strong, that His Majestys Expectations of raising Forces in this Province for his Service may not be disappointed, to overlook these alternative Offers