

from your House, nor can We now mistake Each Other, for Your Resolution is only to have a fixed time of Determination, and Ours, to have a proper Provision for the necessary Defence of the Province; but as We are desirous to make this Bill as easy as may be to the People and therefore unwilling to double or further increase the Duty as you propose, We rather chuse to close with you upon the Alternative of lengthening the Time, for which purpose we propose the Reviving the Act for Arms &c for Nine Years; so that you may have your wished for fixed Determination of this Act, & We hope the impartial World will be satisfied, that Our Views are not inconsistent with the Defence of the Province or his Majestys Service, for we plainly tell you, that we are only influenced to this Acceptance of your Offer by an Expectation that you will dispatch a Bill to encourage raising Forces for his Majesty's Service either agreeable to Our Plan, or any other which may be judged most effectual for the purpose; and shall be desirous of settling by Conference or otherwise any Difficulties or Objections which may arise on such a Bill

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We confess it is very extraordinary and what would not meet Credit from Ourselves upon less Proof than the printed Votes of the Lower House of Assembly that the Representatives of a People under the British Government would not upon the least Appearance of Danger exert themselves to the utmost for the Preservation of their Rights, and that your Behaviour at the last Meeting in May 1739 was not very different from this, your own printed Votes will shew, where it appears, that you first voted the Bill for Arms &c for the Defence of the Province to continue for three Years &c, and in the very next moment you voted the Bill should not pass at all; nor could the Upper House then prevail with you to revive that Act, and pray, were we not then under continual apprehensions of a dangerous War? Or had we Arms or Money sufficient for such Circumstances of time? It is true there was some Money unapplied, and it is necessary it should always be so, to supply any sudden and emergent Occasion, since that Fund raises so little annually: We doubt not, but that on a fair Examination of the Conduct of the Gentlemen in Our House, their Views Interest and Actions will appear in every other Instance as well as this to co-incide with the Good of the Province in a much more remarkable manner than the Behaviour of some who seem to think a sure Way to Merit is to use unbecoming Expressions

We are exceedingly surprised at the Warmth you express on Occasion of what we mentioned relating to the Roman Catholicks, if any Insinuation is raised of any of you being Roman Catholicks or attached to their Interests, It must have had its Rise amongst Yourselves, for Our Words do not express or imply any such thing,