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The following Message is sent by Coł Hollyday

By the Upper House of Assembly 15 May 1740

Gentlemen

It must be on reading the several Messages, that a Judgment can be formed, whether We had sufficient Reasons to mention your Indifferency, with Regard to the Duty we all owe to his Majesty and This Country; and if your first Unwillingness to pass, at this Juncture of a present War with Spain and an impending One with France, a Bill for Arms &c for the Defence of this Province for any longer Time than 'till September 1741; if your Readiness to answer for the quiet Behaviour of such, who were never imagined to have the p. 46 most cordial Dispositions or Inclinations to Our present happy Establishment in Church and State; if your passing over, in so slight a manner as you have done, the late Conspiracy amongst Our Negroes, or the Reasonableness of making some better Provision against any of the like kind for the future; We say, if these Passages confirm your Care and Watchfulness for this Part of his Majestys Dominions, and our own immediate Preservation, we must own our Surmise of your Indifferency in these Points was groundless; but if they should be understood in a different Light, we hope, we shall be thought to have Reason on Our side, when we mentioned, that your Indifferency at this Juncture required from us more Vigilance and Care

It is true you did not (nor do we charge that you did) say in express Terms, " that the Bill for Arms &c did not in any Way relate to his Majesty's Service or was destructive to Your Constituents " But this you did say That " we gave an absolute Negative to That (meaning the Bill for Encouragement of Levies) and all Other Bills, except on such Conditions, which in no way related to his Majestys Service, but were in your Apprehensions destructive of the Rights of those you represent " In Answer to which We told you " that we never insisted on any other Point than the Passage or Revival of the Bill for Arms &c for the Defence of the Province for a determined Time, and to the End of the next Session as usually ": This Assertion was so true that it cannot be denyed, nor indeed have you offered to deny it; and as you cannot gainsay but such an Act related to his Majestys Service in the Preservation of this Part of his Majestys Dominions as well as of the Rights of your Constituents; we should be very glad to know whether by unavoidable Consequence from your Words and the Condition or Point We only insisted on, you will not appear to have suggested, that the Bill for Arms &c for Defence of the Province did not relate to his