

ment; And we hope, no other Part of the Legislature will assume a Parity between themselves and the Lords of Parliament, so that your Case is not applicable, & consequently from your own Concession, what you have said has proceeded from the want of Our Places: But further, Gentlemen, you will be pleased to consider, that your Objection of Our Dependency, because we are removeable, reflects on the Wisdom and Prudence of the Constitutions of the legislative Powers in Every of his Majestys Plantations, where (except Pennsylvania) we have always understood there are Councils with the Power of a Negative on all Bills, and that the Members are removeable at the Kings, and to be suspended at the Governor's Pleasure; And as to the Places we presume the same Qualities of Integrity and Ability which recommend Men to a place in an Upper House or Council, renders them also worthy of the best Places in the Government: But were we to come to a strict Consideration of the Difference between Our Legislative Constitution and that of Great Britain, It would be obvious that it principally arises from the Nature of dependent and independent Government And if the several Branches of the Legislature would on all Occasions keep this Dependency in their Eye, they would certainly be more easy amongst themselves, and less troublesome to Others; since they must be sensible, their Sovereign is the Judge, and will never approve any Behaviour or Act of the Legislature or any Branch of it, for any other Reason, than that of it's being just and reasonable

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We have looked again into your Message and find the Proposal of your Alternatives in these very Words Viz. As it is uncertain how long War with Spain will continue, or how soon another with France may begin if not already proclaimed, had your Honours proposed the double or any other Sum larger than the Three Pence, that Our Trade could possibly bear, or had a longer time of Duration been mentioned to the Bill, so as It had a fixed time of Determination we would and are now ready to agree to Either, "as the Necessity of the present Juncture may require" Has not the Delay not only of this Bill, but of all Other Business been entirely occasioned by the Dispute between the Two Houses, whether this Bill ought to be continued to a determined time, or to the End of the next Session; Have you not by the above Words of your Message expressly declared your Readiness to agree to Either of the Alternatives, so that the Bill might have a fixed time of Determination; Is there any time mentioned to which you limited Our Choice of a longer Time? No Gentlemen, the only Condition you then insisted upon with Regard to the Continuance of the Bill, was a fixed determined time, and now, after that we have closed with you upon your own Proposal, and named nine Years for a Continuance, you tell us, (even against the very Face of the Message, which you

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