

is to such a laudable Purpose, as the Defence of the Province; The Sum arising thereby so far from being more than sufficient, that many Accidents may happen that will require a much greater Sum and the manner of raising the same at present so little Burthensome, that it is not felt: But we have (besides our other motives) more regard to the Satisfaction and Ease of the People, as well as to the Continuance of such a Law, than to consent to any greater Imposition on Trade, for the People might then feel a Burthen, and the Merchants might perhaps be influenced by such who wish a Destruction to the Law, to apply for a Dissent: We shall only further add, that it is not suitable to the Characters of Legislators, to play at fast and loose which you now attempt, by first offering two Alternatives to Our Choice, we fix upon One, and then you tell us, no, you shall have the Other: But to put an End to this Matter, we repeat Our Resolution not to depart from our Choice of nine years, upon any other Terms than your Consent to a number of Years and to the End of the next Session, so that now we return the Compliment of a Choice; and we assure you that which ever you may think fit to choose, we shall not tell you our pleasure to be, that you should take the other

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Since you assert, that there are many Laws in being against the Roman Catholicks, we shall sincerely take it as a very particular Favour, if you will be pleased to acquaint us, what Laws you apprehend to be in Force here against Roman Catholicks: If you should be unwilling to gratify us with this Information your mention of Laws in Being may seem to be thrown in order to prevent any being made, tho' you declare yourselves not backward in making Laws for that purpose

To Conclude with your Request of a Conference, we answer, that you have now fully our Resolution with Regard to the Bill for Arms &c^a But if you think his Majestys Service or the Safety and Happiness of the province can be in any manner promoted by a Conference we do most chearfully agree to it

Signed p order. John Ross Ct Up Ho.

Adjourned till to morrow morning ten of the Clock.

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This House met again according to Adjournment Present as yesterday

Adjourned till two of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment Present as in the Morning

The following Message is sent by Edmund Jenings Esq^r