

U. H. J. Estates and may expect to leave Posterity in the Country, equally
 Calvert with us and Our Constituents, and should private Interest or any
 Paper other temporary Views Influence you not to join with us to prevent
 No. 735 such Mischiefs as possibly may happen, yet we are determined not to
 repeat the Evils arising from either the too long, or the uncertain
 duration of any money Bill reserving still a due Regard to any particular
 Exigence, the certain duration and short Continuance of this
 p. 55 Bill, being now the only means left us, Whereby we can have any
 Assurance of frequent Assemblies, And we are still the more
 Induced to this from the fatal Experience of being kept without
 a Session of Assembly for near three years past (altho the Circum-
 stances of the Province never more required one) meerly for the
 sake as you pretend of this one Law, with the Clause of ending with
 a Session put to it at the last revival in 1734 When all the former
 Laws since his Lordships Accession to the Government, whereby
 this three pence has been given, have not had duration above three
 years and always ended at a certain day, altho' your Honours have
 not stuck to say that the manner of Ending with a Session has been
 usual

Would it not be dealing more Ingeniously with the World to declare the Real Obstacle of your not agreeing to a Session, than the plausible pretence of the three pence per Hogshead alledged to be so necessary for the Safety and Defence of the province, and endeavouring to make Strangers believe, that the Country must Perish without it? If this be so, Why has that money for these last seven years, to go no farther back been hoarded up at London to a great Sum? And in all that time not much above the value of one years receipt laid out or Imported for our Safety? How can it be answered for, that after so long an Apprehension of a rupture, Application has not been made of that money, till an Actual War is broke out, and our Enemies as you say, within Eight or ten days march of us? And when the Arms sent for are in danger of being taken by them, and We of being destroyed with the produce of our own Money? not to say any thing at this time of the fourth part of what his Lordship has for some years taken for Support of Government, which by the Act under which it is claimed was Intended and by express Instructions from the Throne in the time of the Crown Government, was actually applied to the same use, altho' his Lordship has never parted with one farthing of it that we know of for that or any other purpose that concerns the defence or Safety of the Province

p. 56 Your Honours surely could not be in Earnest when you drew your Consequence from the Case stated about a house of Peers, we in very express terms said, that if there was any Similitude between your House and the other (not that which now composes a Separate Branch of the British Legislature but such a dependent house as was