

We shall as you have done, wave the mention of many Facts, especially of such as make but little or nothing to the Question between us, as whether the Law of 1734 was the only Law ending with a Session, and other Facts of the like Nature, where as you say, there is so little probability of our Agreement

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That we may not be supposed to misrepresent you to those impartial Judges to whom you appeal in the third Paragraph we here insert what you say in your two Branches of that Appeal, the first runs thus viz. “ Whether your offering a Bill for Raising Six Pence per Hogshead for Purchasing Arms and Ammunition or any lesser Sum, as the present Exigence of our Case may require for one, two or three years, with an Assurance of renewing it and enlarging or lessening the Sum if there should be Occasion, or our insisting on Three Pence only for nine years, or for three and to the end of a Session, bespeaks the greatest Care for this part of his Majestys Dominions, or the most impartial views towards the Safety of the Province at a Time of Impending Danger? The second part is to this Purpose viz. “ And whether your readiness to raise a Supply for the encouragement of Freemen to inlist in his Majesty’s Service abroad, or our intire refusal of it, unless at the same time we cou’d obtain the before mentioned Bill for Arms, &c. with our beloved termination of nine years, or a Session of Assembly, argues the greatest Zeal for the Success of the British Arms? ” as to the first we cannot on perusal of your Messages, discover the least mention before now of Three Years, or the Assurance of renewing that Bill, which you are now pleased to give: We hope, Gentlemen you did not imagine it possible to mislead your impartial Judges or ourselves, by this Assurance into a false opinion of your care for this part of his Majestys Dominions; can you assert that such an Assurance can oblige any succeeding Assembly to renew that Act, or that such an Assurance is of the same Effect with an Act? If it can tye any future Lower House, what difference is there between binding them by An Act, and such an Assurance, and why should not an Act be now made for as great a length of Time, as any Revival or such an Assurance may carry it? Especially since you have not offered one Reason in any of your Messages, to shew the present Occasion and Circumstances may not require a nine years Continuance: But if your present Assurance may be disregarded by a future Assembly, your Impartial Judges must conclude that Assurance is only made use of for an Amusement, and that you can as little Answer for your Successors as in another part of your message, you think his Lordships Governor or Ministers can answer for theirs; In the second Branch of your Appeal, you seem to have recollected the Bill for Encouragement of Soldiers (which we thought by your two preceeding Messages had slipt out of your memory) only on purpose to put our Behaviour on that Bill, in a wrong light, for we formerly

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