

U. H. J. intimated to you our then and present Opinions “that if we were
 Calvert in the least Backward in consulting our own Safety as well as we
 Paper could against all possible Accidents, our Offer of furnishing Money
 No. 735 to encourage Levies for his Majestys Service abroad, would be
 rather thought to proceed from a pretended Zeal, than Duty to his
 Majesty, since it might be interpreted, we did not think Our Preser-
 vation or Happiness consisted in any Defence against the French,
 and that the more men and money we spared for one Service, the less
 we might have for the other, and consequently this Province might
 be the easier prey to an invading Enemy;” And further Gentlemen
 you will be pleased to remember, that for the sake of a Bill to en-
 courage the Forces, we receded from our first Resolution and made
 choice of one of your Alternatives.

Our mention of the Statutes was to shew (what cannot be de-
 sired) that Money Acts of Parliament were often limited to a
 certain Time and to the end of the next Session; and in order to
 evade the Force of our Applying the Usage in such Acts to this
 Bill, you would liken this Bill to some Acts of Parliament, without
 which you say, the Government of Great Britain could not sub-
 sist, and from thence conclude, that the necessity of this Act for
 Arms &c. if limited to a determined time, might secure the frequency
 of Assemblies, as some Acts of Parliament make Annual Sessions
 of Parliament necessary: Indeed Gentlemen, whosoever believes or
 can be perswaded that your Comparison is just, knows very little of
 p. 61 our Constitution; Surely this Government can, as long as this Prov-
 ince is safe subsist without this Act, how does this Act relate to this
 Government either in time of Peace or War, any otherwise than as it
 furnishes this Government with some money for its Defence and our
 common Preservation, whenever Occasions may require the use of it;
 This Governm^t has not any number of Soldiers, Guards or Garrisons
 or Navy to maintain in times of Peace; and therefore if you would
 really Convince any Person of the Justness of your Reason, you
 must shew that the Purposes, to which the Government applies the
 money arising from the Act of Arms; &c are so absolutely necessary
 to the Being or Support of the Government, independent of the neces-
 sary Defence of the Province, as that they cannot be without it; a
 Proof of this you have not attempted, for it is very well known this
 Government does not make use of that money, but really (as you
 say) has hoarded it up, (and we think it wisely) for such like
 Exigencies as the present Appearance of affairs threaten us with;
 Before we leave this Point, let us consider it even in your own
 light; if such An Act is so absolutely necessary (as you pretend)
 to the Being and Subsistence of the Government, our Attachment
 to it can be no Surprize, nor unreasonable, especially when under the
 Alarms of a dangerous War last Year, you absolutely refused
 to revive it.