

U. H. J. much greater Quantity of Powder in Store yet notwithstanding all
 Calvert imaginable Care (which has been the greatest that cou'd be taken
 Paper in this Province) many of such Arms and a great deal of the Powder
 No. 735 would have been, as what we have now are, (if not entirely) yet
 p. 63 more unfit for Service, than new Powder and arms; and surely there
 is very little Reason to reproach those who are intrusted with the
 Disposition of that Fund, with husbanding or even hoarding it up
 (as your Phrase is) in London, ready for such dangerous occasions
 as may require a large Sum of Money; and it is entirely owing to the
 necessity of applying it to sudden calls that the moneys always lie
 dead in the Merchants Hands without any Interest, since none can
 foresee how soon or suddenly it may be wanted: The Reasons we
 have given for hoarding (your beloved Phrase must be omitted)
 the money will we doubt not, justify us to every unprejudiced and
 reasonable Man, as well as prove that you are determined to Con-
 demn our Conduct at all Events; you have heretofore gone so far
 as even to charge us with embezzelling 2500£ part of this Fund and
 this Charge remains in the Printed Proceedings of the last Con-
 vention, you have had sufficient time to examine this matter, and we
 suppose you have done so; if you have, you must be convinced of
 the Injustice of your Accusation, tho' you have not had Candour
 enough to make a bare acknowledgment that you have been mis-
 taken; such an Acknowledgment tho' but an Act of Justice is too
 great a Favour for us to expect from you: Whatever that money is
 which you insinuate his Lordship takes for Support of Government,
 we suppose it makes a part of the Complaint you expect to be
 redressed by his Majesty, and therefore we shall only say, if that
 Affair was not likely to come under another Examination we should
 be ready to shew your Claim to any part of that money to be
 Groundless

Our Earnestness on the Case you stated, was owing to your
 mention of the House of Peers between whom and any Parts of this
 Legislature there can be no just Comparison

p. 64 The Information you have had of any Incapacity of the Council
 holding Offices (except in some especial Cases) in other Planta-
 tions, while they have a Share in the Legislature, we have Reason
 to be assured is wrong, what (if any) particular Offices they may
 be incapable of we cannot pretend to say; But we are greatly de-
 ceived, if the Offices of Receivers General, Auditors, Secretary, and
 Judges, with considerable Salaries and Perquisites, and other
 Offices are not enjoyed in his Majestys Plantations by Gentlemen
 of the Council, who have a Share in Legislation; and it is most
 certain the general Welfare of the People is so much the Duty and
 Interest of a Proprietary, that it is hardly imaginable it can ever
 be out of his View; though the contrary may be as easily and warmly