

U. H. J. And it is therefore agreed by the Conferees of both Houses that
 Calvert the money to be advanced for Encouragement of Levies, be paid in
 Paper by a moderate Tax on the People
 No. 735

The Conferees enter upon the Consideration of a Bill for raising Money for Arms and Ammunition

The Conferees of the Upper House deliver themselves in the words following

Since your House has given Our House the Choice of two Alternatives, One of which Our House has taken, and since Our House apprehends you have given us no Reasons for their Departing from the Choice they have made, we have it in Command from Our House to know whether your House will not agree to such Choice, and if not, whether you have any Reasons to offer why Our House should depart from the Choice they have made of One of your Alternatives

In Answer to which the Conferees of the Lower House say, they desire to withdraw and acquaint their House therewith

The Conferees adjourn until the Afternoon

In the Afternoon the Conferees met again

The Conferees of the Lower House deliver themselves in the following words

We are directed by the Lower House of Assembly to acquaint your Honours, that they cannot agree to the Continuance of the Bill for Arms and Ammunition for nine Years, or for any Number of Years more than three; And although they do not look upon themselves
 p. 75 in any wise Obligated to give Your House the particular Reasons which guide their Resolutions as a House of Delegates in any Matters that come under their Consideration concerning money Bills, and that their Reasons in the present Case are sufficiently set forth in their Message to the Upper House of the 17th Instant yet to comply with the present Desire of Your House, we are directed to give you as follows

First, That Our Offer of A Bill was not for any number of years generally but coupled with these Words, "as the necessity of the present Juncture may require," and that our House, as the legal Representatives of the People, have an unquestionable Right to Judge of the necessity of Raising Money, the Quantity of money to be applied to that Necessity, and the Time of Continuance of any Bill for that purpose.

And, that the Reason of making the Offer in the manner above mentioned, was to give Your House an Opportunity in Conjunction with Ours deliberately to consider both of the Time and Sum, and to Form the Bill accordingly, instead of which your House has