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That so much has been already said in the Messages with Relation to your two Alternatives, and the Choice they have made, that they think there is no occasion to add any thing further only this that they never questioned the Right of your House in Judging of the necessity of Raising money, the Quantity of Money to be applied to that necessity, and the time of Continuance of that Bill yet that Our House has an equal right of Judging on passing or not passing Any Bill whatsoever

That Our House has great Pleasure to find, that their often inculcating the necessity of extraordinary Armaments at this Juncture, from Our Being in a War with Spain, the danger of being attacked by some French Colonies, the Insurrection of negroes and evil Dispositions of Papists, have had at last some good Effects on your Resolutions for Increasing the Sum for Arms, &c^a at such a particular time of Danger

That your House seems to think by not passing the Bill for Arms, &c. at the last meeting, that a Rumour of War ought not to prevail with them to make Preparations for a Posture of Defence, and that a seven years Duty in Bank of 300£ Sterling p annum and Our Arms in the Country (both which together could not Arm the Province in a Proper manner against an Invasion) will Justify the Representatives of a Free People in letting A Bill for defence of the Province drop till an Actual War breaks out, or the Country may be in worse Circumstances, by which our House presumes your House, must mean when the Enemy may be amongst us; in such worse Circumstances no doubt, Gentlemen, it would be a very proper Time for an Assembly to meet and make an Act to raise Money a year afterwards for Our Defence

We have it further in Command from our House to acquaint you, that although you have not vouchsafed to use one Argument to satisfy Our House of the unreasonableness, in the present uncertain Situation of Affairs, of the Length of nine years which they had Chosen on your Alternative, yet as the principal Heads of a Bill for Encouragement of raising Forces for his Majestys Service, and a determined Resolution to shew it on every occasion have been agreed to in this Conference, and as the members of Our House have nothing so much at Heart as a sincere Zeal for his Majestys Service, and a determined Resolution to shew it on every occasion; Therefore on these Considerations, and being very desirous to cultivate and preserve among the several Branches of the Legislature a mutual Harmony and good Understanding, by every Condescension that is not very unreasonable, and by forwarding any Bill that may be agreeable to each other, Our House will Agree to a Bill for laying a Duty of Six Pence per Hogshead for Arms, &c^a for defence of the