

By the Lower House of Assembly 27 May 1740
Read the second time by an Especial Order and will pass
Signed p Order M Macnemara Ct Lo H.

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and the following Message

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May it please Your Honours

We herewith send you the Bill for Encouragement of his Majesty's Levies: As it is to be presumed all the Bills, which shall pass both Houses will receive the Assent of his Excellency, and pass the Seals at One and the same time, We are at a Loss to know wherein the Decency and Duty we owe to his Majesty, and the Safety of the Province, can be any ways concerned in the Precedency given to any of them in Either House, however, as we have too well grounded Apprehensions that contrary to the usual Mode of Proceedings in Assembly you keep up the several Bills now before you, wherein the Publick Administration of Justice, the Payment of Publick Taxes, and general Utility of the Province are most essentially concerned, with Design to pass them with Duration to a Day certain only, and not to the End of a Session as usual, which in Our Opinion would be of the most pernicious Consequence to the People We have thought it, absolutely necessary to keep back that for Arms & Ammunition until you send us down such of those other Bills as you shall think fit to pass with the usual Duration. p. 82

As We hope there is no Ground to suspect Our Loyalty to his Majesty to Our Care for the Safety of the Province, so we hereby sincerely declare to your Honours and the World, that We never had any other Intention than to pass the Bill for Arms &c according to the Terms agreed upon by the Conferees of both Houses; and that We retain it in Our hands now, for no other Reason than what We have here mentioned, for whatever may be the Consequence of not having it at this Time, We are well assured that losing either all or most of the Bills now before you with Others of the like kind, or having them with any other Determination than with a Session of Assembly would prove much more fatal; and therefore We have thought Ourselves in Prudence obliged of two Evils to choose the least

As We cannot suppose Your Honours unacquainted with the many other Reasons which govern Us in this Matter, We shall not trouble you with them; and this being Our firm and unalterable Resolution We hope it will be needless to spin out any more time about it; We shall therefore wait the final Result of Your House therein

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