

tainty We are under of having those other Bills with their Usual Duration; It is only in your Power to remove Our Fears by satisfying us in this Point, and if for this Reason you shall think fit to forego that other so necessary a Bill, let the Consequence lye at your Door

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The Precedency you so often mention, We must again tell you can have no manner of Weight since it is well known all the Laws made in a Session will receive their last Sanction at the very same time

Had your Honours been pleased to communicate this Scheme to Us at our first meeting, the Business might have been short and some Thousands of Pounds saved to the Country, but We are now sorry to find that the Obtaining of Powers inconsistent with the Rights and Liberties of a free People seems to be the Principal View whilst zeal for his Majestys Service and Safety of those People accompanied with Groundless personal Reflections obliquely aimed at the members of this House, is made the Specious Pretence

Since then the keeping in Our Possession the Bill for Arms &c<sup>a</sup> is the only means left us to secure the accustomed Duration of Our other Laws We request your Honours (in whose Power alone it is) to remove that Obstacle and then that Bill will be immediately sent you, otherwise We do, and always shall persist in Our former Resolution

After what is here said and the Offer now made, We shall not be afraid of Submitting Our Conduct in this matter to his most Sacred Majesty, or his Ministry at home and shall take Care that things be represented their in their true Light

Signed ꝑ Order M Macnemara Ct lo ho.

Adjourned till two of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment Present as in the morning

A Bill from the Lower House by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stoughton and Magruder p. 89 Entituled An Act for Limitation of Officers fees thus Endorsed

By the Lower House of Assembly 5 May 1740

Read the first time and Ordered to lye on the Table

Signed ꝑ Order M Macnemara Ct Lo Ho.

By the Lower House of Assembly 30 May 1740

Read the second time and will pass .

Signed ꝑ Order M Macnemara Ct Lo H.

The following Message is sent by Cot Hammond