

U. H. J. As what is now said goes to almost all the several Parts of your  
 Calvert Message about the Duration of your Bills, we shall only repeat, that  
 Paper it will be time enough for us to shew the Reasonableness of any  
 No. 735 Alteration of their Duration, when we make it, and before that is  
 done, we shall not give you or ourselves the needless Trouble to  
 Justify it

We are singularly unfortunate, that when we endeavour by the strictest Watch on our Expressions to avoid every misbecoming Word towards your House or its Members you tax us with personal Reflections obliquely aimed at your members; But your own Conscience, how little any of your Members deserve Reflection, will readily prevail with you to believe us when we Assure you of having no Intentions to reflect obliquely on any of you

As We are sensible Your Duty obliges you to take care of the Province in every Respect, we are the more surprized at your Backwardness to send up to us the Bill for Arms &c<sup>a</sup> since it is designed as a Provision against Our Enemies abroad and also against those which you speak of at home and against whom it is highly incumbent on both of us, to take a proper Care

And now Gentlemen We have only further to hope, that you will not press us any more on a Point, which we cannot consistent with our being a distinct part of the Legislature, give up; And if a Session can be had on no other Terms, we can only wish you had desired a less unreasonable Thing and which we cou'd with any Decency have submitted to: But however if you still persist to have that Information which cannot be given; as we are greatly desirous of passing the Bill for Encouragement of Levies for his Majestys Service, so as it may be done without destroying our only Fund for Defence of the Province We should be glad if you could think it expedient as Affairs now stand to revive and continue all the Acts now in Force for any Term whatever and to the end of the next Session, so that a present Session may be made to our mutual Satisfaction

Signed 7<sup>p</sup> Order John Ross Cl Up Ho.

p. 92 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 Message from the Lower House by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith and Wootton

By the Lower House of Assembly 31 May 1740

May it please Your Honours

We cannot conceive that what we insist upon, in any manner affects the Rights, or tends to render any Branch of the Legislature useless