

those Laws are Subject to be disannulled by a Power less than that L. H. J. by which they were made; and We would intreat your Lordship to consider, that the repealing of Acts once made is exercising a Legislative Power, and that, that Power is by the Royal Charter given to your Lordship in Conjunction with the Freemen of your Province or their Delegates

There are Grounds to suspect that We have been represented to your Lordship as a factious clamorous People disaffected to his Majesty and ill disposed towards your Lordship, since there are those amongst us who have not been wanting to lay those things to our Charge; but when your Lordship considers that such Representations come from the Authors of many of those Evils, whereof we complain, we hope they will have but little Weight with you, We have it is hoped very lately given sufficient Testimony according to our Abilities of our sincere Attachment to his Majestys Person and Government and we can with the greatest Truth assure your Lordship that we never had it in our Thoughts to abridge you in any of your Rights and Prerogatives, and are at all times willing to give such a Support to your Government, as is suitable to our Circumstances, But We know ourselves to be a Branch of that free People of whom your Lordship is a Representative entituled to all their Rights and Priviledges and therefore We can never submit to the Payment of any Tax or Impost but what is laid upon Us by Law

It is with the greatest Pleasure we receive M^r Bladen as our Governor and as We have full hopes that by his mild and just Administration, the true Interest of the Province will be pursued so we Promise on our Parts to do every thing in our Power to make his Government easy and to promote and support your Lordships just Rights was Read and Assented to and signed on behalf of the House p. 359 by the hoñble Speaker

M^r Smallwood hath Leave of the House to go home

The following Message (See page. 299)

Was sent with the Bill mentioned in the Message by Mess^{rs} Magruder and Sprigg

The Bill entituled an Act to enable his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r or the Governor for the time being to purchase four Acres of Land &c^a Read the second time and will pass sent to the Upper House by M^r Lloyd and M^r John Goldsborough

M^r Smith from the Committee to inspect the Arms and Ammunition &c^a delivers M^r Speaker the following Report viz.

By the Committee for inspecting the Arms Ammunition and Accounts relating thereto October 25. 1742

Your Committee having view'd and inspected the quality and quantity of the arms and Ammunition of this Province now in the City of Annapolis, do find the same as follows viz.