

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such L. H. J. Bill

On Motion of a Member, That a Bill be brought in, to obtain out of the Loan office, such a Sum of Money, as formerly granted for other Prisons, to Build a prison in Worcester County; Leave is given.

Mr Speaker communicated the Governor's Answer to the Address of this House, Viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

I am very much pleased, this time of our Meeting proves agreeable to you, and that you consider my urging you in such strong Terms to make a Provision for Arms and Ammunition, to proceed from my Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and good wishes for the Welfare and Quiet of this Province: This piece of Justice you do me may very fully Serve as an Answer to that part of your Address, where you seem to be at a Loss to know, why I so particularly recommend the manner of that provision; however to speak more plainly, you cannot but be sensible I Recommended such a Bill to you the last Session, which from the Consideration of the War with Spain, the Consequences naturally to be apprehended, and the Affair of the Indians, seemed then to be extremely necessary; notwithstanding which, you sent up a Bill of that kind so framed, that it was Impossible to Receive it without casting the most unjust Reflections on the Government; and besides that, in other Respects it will not possibly answer the purposes designed.

I shall be always very Tender of your privileges; but at the same time, I must own the Duty of my Station will ever oblige me to point out to you any Method I can suggest, as the most effectual for the service of our Sovereign, and safety of the Province; and to make use of what Reasonings I think may be of weight, to engage your Compliance; And altho' your warm professions of Steady Loyalty, inviolable attachment to his most Sacred Majesty's person and Government, and regard for your own Safety, may make all other Arguments useless, and free me from every Apprehension of your not demonstrating that Loyalty and Regard for the Safety of the Province at this critical Juncture; yet I cannot be perswaded the Consideration of future Misunderstandings, and putting a Stop to public Business, can be of so Little weight as you seem to make them, in the Consultations of a Legislature, at any time, and much less at this Important Crisis, when his Majesty's Crown is in Danger of being invaded by a popish Pretender; This so alarming a Circumstance will give you an opportunity of avoiding the Insinuation you mention (which was very far from my thoughts) of your want of Loyalty to our King, and Duty to your constituents, by forwarding a Bill for provision of Arms in the usual manner, rather than