

from the prop^{ty} may be properly presented by a new Governors Hands, without so great a risque of a Disobliging address as to one Delivered by the present Govern^r

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It must be owned to be a Disagreeable Scituation for persons in the immediate managem^t of Affairs, to be under the necessity of temporizing: But none that Has The welfare of His Lordships family so sincerely at Heart, as to preferr it to any other Consideration, can justly repine at any of the aforementioned Concessions which may perhaps be prejudiciall to their particular interests, so as the principall & Essentiall points to His Lordship's Honour & Interest may by that means be supported & Established

Observations on the Bill sent from the Lower House for the Provision of Arms &c^a and the Conduct of the Lower House in Relation thereto.

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The Governor in his Speech pressed the Lower House in the strongest Manner to revive the Law for provision of Arms &c^a in the usual Manner. To this the Lower House took some Exception as if the Governor dictated, how and by what means & manner they were to raise this money: The Governor in Answer fully explained the Reasons of his expressing himself in such plain Terms, and which were, Lest they should frame a Bill of the same Import with me sent from that House last Session, and which could not answer the Purposes designed, or be past without the most unjust Reflections on the Upper House and Government.

The Lower House notwithstanding this Caution from the Governor sends up a Bill alike in Every material Part to the Bill in 1741 Sessions, and another in 1742 Sessions, Except, that the Duty of Three pence is increased to four Pence; Both which Bills were rejected by the Upper House for the Reasons expressed in a Message from the Upper House in 1741 and which were referred to in the Return of the Bill with their Negative in 1742.

But to be more particular in the Reasons against this Bill, It must be observed,

First. That the Lower House cannot be supposed to be earnestly disposed to testify their zeal for his Majesty's Person and Government &c^a (as the Preamble sets forth) by sending up a Bill, which they must believe, by Experience, would miscarry in the Upper House.

2^{dly} The Bill directs the money to be paid to Coll^o Sprigg only, by which means the whole Design and use of the Bill might be possibly frustrated, In Case of Coll^o Spriggs Death before he had given the security directed by the Bill, For on such Accident the Naval Officers might indeed receive the Duty, but they could not be authorized to pay the Money to any Person, who could invest it for the Purposes in the Bill; Whereas had the Bill ordered the monies to be