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paid to the Treasurers as usual, the Governor in Case of the Death of either of the Treasurers might have immediately supplied the Place by a New Commission.

3<sup>dly</sup> But in Case Colonel Sprigg had given Security, Yet it was not impossible such sureties might have been persons not of the best Inclinations to his Majesty and Government Since many Persons of the Romish Religion of good Fortune inhabit this Province and could not be refused as sureties, upon the General Words of this Bill, And if such had been securities; It is certain they might have refused or at least delayed the Payment of the money in such Manner and Time, as not to Comply with the purposes of the Bill, Nor can it be any answer to this Objection to say that the Bonds would be liable & might be put in suit; For so much Time must necessarily [be] taken up before the Effect of such Suit could be obtained, that the whole Use of the Bill might be defeated.

4<sup>thly</sup> The Act intended by this Bill was to expire in December 1745 and the monies raised thereby were to be at the Disposition of the House of Delegates, In Case the Governor should not apply the same, before such Session of Assembly as should happen after the said December 1745, It is to be observed that the Principal Part of the annual Duty to arise by this Bill could not be collected before the latter End of the year, And if the Governour for want of Opportunities in War Time, or should not think it Expedient to send immediately for such a great Quantity of Powder lest the same should spoil, which constantly happens in this Climate by Keeping, All the Money intended for that Branch of the Service & not actually applied before December 1745 would be under the Direction of the Lower House only, who by their many Attempts to set up an Agent & him a Power independant of the Government might be supposed to find many other Uses than Defence of the Province for this Money.

5<sup>thly</sup> The Provisoe in favour of a Claim made by the Country against the Proprietary is impertinent, & tacked to the Bill with no other Design, than to throw a Reflection on the Proprietary, and keep on foot the Pretence of a Right, with a View to disturb the Minds of the People and Peace of Government.

The usual and accustomed form, in which this Provision for Arms has been made for almost thirty Years was to empower the Treasurers to receive and the Governor and Council to dispose of this money to those Uses But the Lower House without any Cause from the Mismanagement of the Governor and Council or Treasurer, directs this fund in another Channell, for the sake of casting an Odium on the Council.

7<sup>thly</sup> Although Col<sup>o</sup> Sprigg is empowered to send for Arms &c<sup>a</sup> upon the Governors Orders for the Use of the Province, yet he is not directed what to do with those Arms, where to deposite them, or to whom to deliver them; so that the Arms might be in this Prov-