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As this Behaviour of that House not only gives Us Grounds to fear that they do not intend to pass those Laws but also puts an Intire Stop to any further Business with us and consequently accumulates the Countrys Charge without any appearance of having any thing done for the publick good

We therefore Submit it to your Excellencys Discretion whether it may not be more Conducive to the Peoples benefit to have an End put to the Session than to Continue it longer without a prospect of doing any thing for their Advantage

Signed on behalf & by Order of the House

[July 22, 1740]

Philip Hammond Sp<sup>r</sup>

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

I have considered your Address delivered to me yesterday by Col<sup>o</sup> Henry the purport of which I find is, “ that immediately after “ you had dispatched the Bills for his Majestys Service, which I “ recommended to have the first place in your Proceedings, you sent “ to the Upper House Bills for reviving several Laws which had expired at the last Session of Assembly, which are generally acknowledged to be necessary for the Welfare of the People

“ That most of those Acts having been in Use many years & often “ reenacted cannot in your Apprehension require much time for Consideration, yet they have now lain above a Week before that House without being either sent down or any thing said for the unusual Detention of them

That as the Behaviour of that House not only gives you “ Grounds p. 90 “ to fear that they do not intend to pass those Laws, but also puts an “ entire Stop to any further Business with you, and consequently accumulates without any appearance of having any thing done for the “ publick good

“ You therefore Submit it to my Discretion whether it may not “ be more Conducive to the Peoples Benefit to have an End put to the “ Session than to continue it longer without a prospect of doing any “ thing further for their Advantage ”

In answer to which I must recommend to you, to look over again my Speech, delivered to you at the Opening of this Session by which you must perceive, that you have not yet dispatched the Bills I recommended to have the first place in your Proceedings

Besides the Bills now ready for my Assent you will find I recommended to you to give some further Encouragement for promoting the raising of the Levies, by an Exemption from Arrests under a particular Sum, which is so necessary for his Majestys Service, that