

and Concede to whatever else should be demanded of Us; which was U. H. J.  
to keep back the Country Bills in the Upper House until we should  
pass those for Money, and agree to every other thing required from  
us; And because we, to prevent the Inconveniences before mentioned,  
had resolved to give the future money Bills their determination with  
a day certain, it was concluded by this new Scheme that all other  
Bills whatsoever should have the same duration, that by all Expiring  
at once, there might be the like Opportunity of Acting the same part  
again and of Compelling the Delegates to comply with whatsoever a  
Proprietor Governor, or Upper House should think fit to propose;  
altho it is well known that the Country Laws before mentioned never  
yet had any other kind of duration than for a time certain and to  
the end of the next Session of Assembly; And notwithstanding this p. 94  
Resolution unprecedented in Our Mother Country or any other of his  
Majestys Dominions that we know of, has not been formally com-  
municated to us from Your Excellency, or the Upper House by  
Message, yet it is Clear beyond contradiction, nor has it ever yet been  
denied; neither can We see what other Reason can possibly be given  
for not sending down Our Bills, which have now lain so long before  
that house, contrary to the constant usage of Assemblies

If the above be the true State of the Case, as it most certainly is,  
who can blame the representatives of a free People for guarding  
against A Practice which in its Consequences must affect their Rights  
in their tenderest parts Which must render their House of Delegates  
a name only or mere Shadow, by depriving them of that Freedom  
of Action, that share in Legislature, which by their Charter and  
Birth Right the People are entitled to which must prostitute them to  
the Sole Power of an Upper House and Subject them at all times to  
the Absolute Will of their Govern<sup>r</sup>

We do not conceive it to be matter of Favour in any branch of the  
Legislature to consent to such Laws as have regard to the publick  
Welfare of the People, that being incident to the Office and the Indis-  
pensable duty of all concerned, and therefore think that Consent is  
not to be purchased at any Rate, since it is not the Value of price  
which makes the thing more or less Venal, and it seems to us Impos-  
sible for a People to be free where they have no Share in the Legisla-  
ture or which is in Effect the same, where their Delegates are under  
the Coercive Power of any other Branch of the Legislature

We are sorry to find that after this House had so chearfully Con-  
tributed for promoting his Majestys Service and complying with the  
Royal Instructions you should accuse rather than approve our Con-  
duct and the more so because it is evident we have on that occasion  
Exceeded what the present Condition of the Province can well afford

We must still deny any Endeavour to delay, far less to destroy  
the fund for Our Defence at this time; We gave all the assurances  
men could give at the last Session of the Bill for that purpose, and