

U. H. J. the intended Effect another Expedient was thought of to clog the  
 Liber No. 34 Bill with a Tack quite foreign to the Subject matter of it and as an  
 Apology was necessary for the Absurdity of such a Proceedure all  
 possible Art is used to possess as many as could be imposed on that  
 an Agent was absolutely necessary for the Country, that the Critical  
 time for obtaining one was now come, and that the Upper House  
 dared not to give their Negative to a Bill which had the Appearance  
 of being for his Majestys Service Notwithstanding the Improprity  
 p. 98 of the Tack this Notion was industriously Inculcated even after the  
 Upper House had refused to pass the Bill & Assurances confidently  
 given that altho the Upper House had refused to pass the Bill yet that  
 they dared not persist in such refusal if it was sent to them again  
 these Artifices unhappily prevailed on a Majority of your House  
 to admit of no Amendments and to resolve that no other Bill should  
 be brought in thus the time was lost till it was too late to do any  
 thing Concerning the supplies and thus all the Professions of Loyalty  
 to his Majesty & Zeal for the Common Cause vanished After this  
 a most extraordinary and unheard of Step is taken by your House  
 concerning Governor Shirleys Letter to me which You Ordered to  
 be Printed without my Consent or any Application to me for that  
 Purpose which in the Case of private Persons would have been a  
 plain Breach of all the Rules of Decency and good manners and  
 might in this Instance if Care had not been taken to prevent Your  
 Orders being carried into Execution have given his Majestys Ene-  
 mies such Intelligence as would if the Wickedness could be as plainly  
 proved as the Weakness of such a Step, have made the Authors  
 guilty of high Treason, but according to your Opinion it is a fun-  
 damental Privilege of your House to publish what you please, be  
 the Consequence what it will, it may not perhaps be amiss in this  
 Place to take Notice of the Agent who is represented to be so neces-  
 sary and of such Importance that his Majestys Service must be  
 sacrificed to an Attempt to Obtain one, and who was not to be an  
 Agent for the Province in General nor was the Governor or Council  
 to have any Share in the Nomination or Direction of the Person nor  
 in the Application of any part of the Money intended to be raised for  
 his support but this Agent to use your own Words as well to keep  
 up a Congratulatory Correspondence of praise and thanks for the  
 blessings you the Kings remote Subjects receive from his Majesty  
 as on every Occasion by Oppressions & Hardships laid on you, in  
 humble and decent manner to lay your Complaints before his Maj-  
 esty. But the Governor and Council must be excluded from this  
 Correspondence and not allowed to join either in the Congratulations  
 or thanks Pray Gentlemen let me ask you whether any Lower House  
 of Assembly in America have such an Officer allowed them exclusive  
 of the Governor & Upper House

The Money for this Agent was to be raised on the People and ap-  
 plied to such Uses, as the House of Delegates only in the Plentitude