

U. H. J.  
Liber No. 35  
May 3

seem to be to make a precedent against us drawn from our own Inspection Law which we think is nothing at all to the present Case, we hope then you will allow us to be Cautious, at least for the future, of making precedent derogatory to the Ancient and undoubted Rights of the Government.

We would willingly avoid giving you any Just occasion of Offence, especially at this time but here we must take the Liberty of asking you a Question or two.

Will you be Contented with your undoubted Rights and that Share in the Legislature which by the Constitution of this Government you are intituled to, Or would you assume to yourselves, the sole power, not only of making Laws but the Execution of them too If nothing less than this last will Satisfy you we must tell you that it is a point which we are determined not to agree to give up to you and you could not reasonably expect that to obtain only a free Conference on the Subject in Question between the Two houses that we should agree to your previously excepting from the Conference any points of that Subject in which the undoubted Rights of the Government or Liberties of a free People may be involved and which ought to be carefully discussed before any determination Concerning them can properly be made therefore we earnestly Recommend these matters to your further Consideration in order if possible to bring about that desireable end, which if obtained can only make your Constituents any Amends for the Tedious length of this Session and the heavy charge and burthen it must bring upon them

However upon the whole matter and notwithstanding all your precautions, We having considered the dangerous Situation of affairs at this time and to demonstrate our readiness to use every endeavour in our power to obtain a good end of our deliberations do agree to a free Conference with you and have accordingly named Philip Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> and Col:<sup>o</sup> Benjamin Tasker to Confer with such Members of your House as you shall appoint But at the same time we will be so free as to tell you, that whether you will Confer with us on these points excepted by you, or not, we will determine thereon as we shall think proper according to our undoubted Right

Signed p Order John Ross Cl: up: Ho

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

Tuesday Morning 4.<sup>th</sup> May 1756

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This House met again According to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

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A Message from the Lower house by Mess:<sup>rs</sup> Hammond and Murdock