

On reading the following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, 28th April, 1756.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
April 28

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Message of the 24th of April, with which you sent down our Second Bill for granting Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service in general, and our own Defence and Security in particular, we cannot conceive why you should conclude, there can be no further Intercourse by Message between the two Houses; however, as we are not inclined to protract Time, we shall now rest our Conduct on our former Messages, which, we are persuaded, will plainly shew, and we hope, our present Behaviour will clearly evince, to all the World, that we always have been, and still are, desirous of doing every Thing in our Power towards obtaining the Passage of a Bill, at this Time so universally desired; and we are convinced, such loyal and benevolent Dispositions are uppermost in the Hearts of our Constituents, as well as our own: That they, as well as we, would rather choose to lay aside for the present any further Contest about their and our Rights and Privileges, nay, to give up Part of them, till his most sacred Majesty's Royal Justice (upon which we entirely rely) shall have restored to us the full and uncircumscribed Enjoyment of them all, rather than see (though far remote from the horrid Scene) the Blood of Fellow Christians and Fellow Subjects streaming, their Chastity defiled, their Youth captivated, their Property snatched away and carried over to the Enemy, or destroyed before their Eyes, at the Will and Pleasure of a handful of barbarous Infidels.

But we cannot forbear to say, that unhappy is the Condition of that People, whose Frame of Government has such Clogs thrown into the Wheels of it, as will not permit such Motions as are absolutely necessary for their own Defence and Security, and that of their Fellow Subjects, and for demonstrating their Loyalty and Affection for the Best of Kings, but at the Expence of their Rights and Privileges. p. 252

And now, that you may no longer deal in generals, we shall take particular Notice of the several Objections you have made against our two above mentioned Bills: We are informed, that the most commodious Part of the Frontier, for constructing a Fort and Block-Houses for the Defence thereof, is on or near the North-Mountain, and not beyond it, as mentioned in our second, and now in this Bill. We have in this, as we did in our second Bill, rated the Pay of a Commissary of Stores. A Pay-Master of the Troops, which may be raised for the intended Expedition, we conceive, may be appointed by the Commander in Chief, and his Salary paid out of the general Stock, which may be contributed by the several Governments towards that Expedition.