

fail in their Duty to the King, as they did the last Campaign.") Can it be inferred from this Paragraph, that it was the Secretary's Intention to justify the Conduct of the Upper House in rejecting the Supply-Bills that have been sent to them, as your Excellency would insinuate? We conceive not. What then could induce your Excellency to make an odious Distinction which the Secretary's Letter will not warrant or justify? But whatever your Excellency's Opinion of our Conduct may be, we nevertheless entertain the most sanguine Hopes, that the Equity of the Plan and mode for raising and contributing the Quota of this Province for his Majesty's Service, proposed and pursued by this House, will receive the Approbation of our Superiors, to whom we wish it was in our power to appeal, and to whose Determination we shall cheerfully and dutifully submit.

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We think it unnecessary to assure your Excellency, that we are so far from wishing to lose, that we hope long to enjoy the Fruits of the late successful Expedition to the Westward: That we are so far from wishing to see the French again in Possession of the Ohio Country, and our Frontiers exposed to the dreadful Incursions of their Indian Allies, that we earnestly hope, by the Blessing of God on his Majesty's Arms, and the Wisdom of his Councils, the French will be entirely extirpated out of all his Dominions in North-America, and their Indian Allies thereby be rendered subject to, and dependent upon, the Crown of Great-Britain.

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That we have, and always have had, a due Regard for our Safety, and the Safety and Welfare of our Posterity; That we have, and always have had, a due Regard for the Reputation of the Province; That we are, and always have been, animated by the laudable Examples of our Fellow-Subjects in the neighbouring Colonies; And that we have, and always have had, a proper Sense of Gratitude to the best of Kings, for his tender Concern and Solitude for our Security and Welfare, and to our Mother Country for the powerful Succours supported at so vast an Expence for our Protection; we hope the Proceedings of this House will evince.

We do not choose to enter into a Dispute at this Time with your Excellency upon the Impropriety of your attempting to prescribe to us what Methods to pursue for raising Supplies for his Majesty's Service, or what to deviate from, or how far such a Conduct may tend to deprive us of the Right lodged solely in us of proposing such Ways and Means, and framing such Bills for raising Supplies from the People, as we think most reasonable, most equitable, and most conducive to their Ease and Quiet; tho' there may be Reason to apprehend they may be assented to with no small Degree of Reluctance by any other Branch of the Legislature.

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We are surprized your Excellency should imagine we could be guilty of so great an Absurdity, as to Resolve that we would "on no