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made against a Bill in 1758. But why not at this time have you any persuasive powers in your House at present to which the former Lower Houses were Strangers, We have hither to seen nothing of the Kind or are there any late Circumstances without Doors which may render this time more unfavourable to our Supporting his Majestys Rights against the Usurpation, and the People from Oppression, than Existed during the last meeting of the Lower House, perhaps the War with Spain may by you be Considered as an Additional Advantage towards pushing your favourite points and Induce you to wonder that at this time you do not give up every thing to obtain a Little Money from [sic] for his Majestys Service, But in what ever light you may view this Circumstance We cannot think our selves Justifiable either to his Majesty Our Consciences or your Constituents, in giving up his prerogatives and by Subverting our present Constitution Introduce the Numberless Evils Consequent upon all the powers of Government being lodged in our hands for so Comparatively triveal a Consideration but what kind of Loyalty or even patriotism mout [sic] that be which amongst the distresses of a heavy War with Severall powerfull Enemies can not only with its assistance to the Common Cause, but still calm and unconcerned at Impending Ruin and the Contempt of our fellow Subjects, by an obstinate Adherence to the Same unwarrantable plan now a ninth time found unsuccessfull not withstanding his Majestys threatned displeasure for such Behaviour unless such assistance shall be purchased at the Extravigant price of his Majesty's prerogatives and the Peoples Liberties thrown into your Hands by this favourite and unconstitutional Bill such is the nature of your Loyalty or patriotism and such has been and is the real Concern of the Lower House to raise Supplies for his Majestys Service in these times Imminent distress and Danger to our Mother Country our fellow Subjects and Our Selves

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Why Gentlemen should you think it Strange that we should Adhere to Our Objections made to a like Bill in 1758. and give the Little regard you have shewn to those Objections as a reason for our being Confirmed in an opinion that there was no probability of the Houses coming to an Agreement upon the present Bill and sending it down as you Express it our Selves with a flatt Negative If those Objections were Insignificant, or not Applicable to the present Bill Surely you might have shewn them in One or other of these lights; and if Material and applicable to the present Bill, why should we not adhere to them, will the length of time Since the Lower House was acquainted with them lessen their force or will not rather that length of time and the repeated disregard to them render the Obstinate adherence of the Lower House to the same faulty plan the more Inexcesable But you tell us we might have Observed that in the forming this Bill the foundations for many of those Objections,

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