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Parliamentary forms, and point them out to us, and we assure your Honours they shall have their due weight.

Signed per Order,

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p. 61 The following Message by the Upper House of Assembly, 13th April, 1762.

Gentlemen,

Extremely desirous that his Majesty's requisitions, signified to us at the opening of this session, should be complied with, we cannot but lament, that while you, on your parts, express the same inclination, you have offered us such a bill for raising the supplies, as you must have been satisfied this House would never agree to: It having as the Journals shew, been usual for the Upper House of Assembly in this Province, when it hath been heretofore thought expedient to raise money for the King's service, the security and defence of the inhabitants, or for other purposes, not only to amend supply bills that had been framed in the Lower, but often to prepare such bills themselves, and send them down for the concurrence of the Lower House, (though indeed bills of this fort were commonly drawn by a committee of both Houses) we are confident it would not have been irregular, or contrary to the established mode of proceeding,

p. 62 for this House to have proposed amendments to the bill you were pleased to send us last Friday, nor should we have declined to exercise the right we have to do so, had not the little regard you have shewn to the many objections, which this House in April, 1758, made to the bill then offered, confirmed us in an opinion, that there was no probability of the two Houses coming to any agreement upon the bill, which we now return with a negative. From your having provided for the levying, cloathing, and paying of only 400 Provincials, we presume you are of opinion, that over and above the eighty-four recruits, required as our quota towards compleating the regular regiments on this continent, it would be impossible for this Province to levy and keep up a greater number. Now, according to the calculations and allowances you yourselves have made, less than one third part of the sum proposed by your bill to be granted, will be sufficient for these purposes; but at the same time we are inclined to believe, that if all the real and personal estate in the Province was to be taxed agreeable to your plan, could it be carried into execution, a sum at least twice as great as what you have mentioned, would be raised even in one year. And as we conceive, a sum adequate to the purposes of levying, cloathing and paying the men,

p. 63 which you have thought fit to vote, may be easily raised in this Province, without creating such confusion or discord among the inhabitants, as would certainly be occasioned, was this new intricate system of yours to be carried into execution, we are in hopes, that