

U. H. J. between the two Houses, as well as the Terms upon which the
 Liber No. 36 Emission was to be made, When the Bill by Agreement to be drawn
 Dec. 5 for the above purposes came to us, and we thought, upon Examination,
 that it did not Correspond with them we took the Liberty of
 Pointing out our Objections, but you are pleased to inform Us that
 we had no Right to do so, and now call upon Us to indorse our
 assent or Negative

p. 362 As We had before agreed to pass a Bill conformable to the Appli-
 cation of the Surplus money settled between Us, and for an Emission
 of Bills of Credit, upon Terms or Conditions proposed by us, and
 accepted by you, Our Honours obliged us to point out our Objec-
 tions, which a general Negative could not have disclosed, and might
 therefore have exposed us to the Censure of having receded from
 what we had engaged to perform, and we had no Conception that
 we were to be precluded, by any Privilege you could set up, from
 claiming a punctual performance of the Agreement between the two
 Houses

You have thought fit by a long Recital, unnecessary to any of
 the purposes of the proposed Law, to introduce an Account of our
 Conduct in the Bill which does not contain a just Representation of
 it, and to direct an Officer, who is not supported by a Salary, but by
 the fees that arise from particular services to do a Duty without any
 Recompense, are those parts of the Privilege you Claim to which we
 are not to object?

The Allowance to the Commissioners is so small that there is great
 reason to apprehend no Gentlemen, properly Qualified for the Office,
 will undertake the Execution of it, and the Inability of one of the
 Commissioners to attend may destroy the Law as the Bill now stands

However, Gentlemen, tho' we are persuaded that the Bill is ex-
 tremely defective, that the Pretensions you have advanced can't be
 supported by any Just reasoning, yet from a pure motive of Com-
 passion, a Tenderness for the Public Creditors, and indeed the People
 in General, and from our most earnest desire to have an End put
 to the long Subsisting Controversy on the Subject of the Clerks of
 the Councils Claims, we have endorsed our Assent on the Bill, but
 we do deny that you are intituled, solely, and exclusively, to form
 Money Bills, and insist that this Claim is inconsistent with Our
 Constitution, as well as repugnant to the Usage of the Province,
 and as we foresee that this Claim, and your very extensive Applica-
 tion of it, may probably obstruct the Course of Public Business,
 unless some Expedient be fallen upon to settle and explain it, We
 now give you Notice that we shall lay this Subject before his Majesty
 in Council, at the same time with our Representation on the affair
 of the Clerks of the Council, in order that both Points may be settled.

Signed p order Upton Scott Cl: Up: Ho: