

This Lower House of Assembly absolutely refused to revive or longer continue
Your Majesty's loyal Subjects being as an Upper House of
Assembly one distinct Branch of the Legislature and in view of the deplorable
and unguarded State of Our Frontiers, and unwarmed Condition of the Inhabitants,
took Notice of this Disposition of the Lower House towards a Law which so
immediately related to the Safeguard and Preservation of this Province, and
proposed them to a Revival or Continuance of that Act, by representing that it
nearly concerned the Honour and Preservation of this part of your Majesty's
Dominions, especially at a Time of Uncertainty, whether there would be
War or Peace in Europe, and that it would not be advisable for the Governor
to pass any Bill, which might make a Session and determine that Act for
Arms and Ammunition for Defence of the Province, unless such Act should
be revived or continued; These Considerations having no Effect on their
Unwillingness to continue that Act, The Assembly was prorogued without
the Passage of One Bill into a Law, so that no Session was made, principally
that the same Act for Arms and Ammunition might still continue in force

We were in hopes, May it please Your Majesty, that the Lower
House at the Session held in April 1740 would have been thoroughly convinced
by Our actual War with Spain, and the Rumour of One with France (whose
Settlements are near and dangerous to Our Frontiers) of the Reasonableness
and Necessity of continuing that Law: But to Our great Amazement they
sent to the Upper House a Bill which not only directed the Manner of issuing
the Money contrary to every former Law of that kind, but also subjected the
Money to such a Disposition, as that the whole Design of such a Law might
very easily happen to be rendered ineffectual, and useless to the Defence of the
Province; But their Resolution on this Bill seemed still more extraordinary,
when instead of the Continuance of such a Law for Three Years, and to the End
of the next Session as the Act made in 1735 was, They added a Continuance
only until September 1741.

These proceedings, May it please Your Majesty, very much
surprized and alarmed Us; We could not but think it very unaccountable
that an Act which had been continued for many Years past in Time of Peace

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