

Course of Our Conference, and which the Lower House had by so many Instances showed their Inclinations should be destroyed; therefore we conceived Ourselves under an absolute Necessity to defer the second Reading and Passage of the temporary Bills sent up to Us by the Lower House, in hopes to engage them by their Apprehensions of the Expiration of those temporary Laws, and which they were apprized of as well by the Governor as Ourselves would be the Case, to consider how reasonable and just Our Expectations were with Regard to Our only Fund for Defence of the Province; But such was their unaccountable Infatuation that they chose to lose the Continuance of several Laws, rather than make any Provision to defend this Part of Your Majesty's Dominion.

And when afterwards in July 1740 in Pursuance of Your Royal Instructions, The Assembly was again called in Order to provide for the Transportation of your Majesty's Forces to the West Indies, altho' the Governor recommended and repeatedly pressed the making some Provision for Defence of the Province; and although the Upper House passed several Bills to revive the Laws as usual, and returned Others with a Negative, yet the Lower House still persisted in their Resolution to keep back the Bill for Our Defence, which had been agreed on by both Houses about Two Months before in the preceding Session, and by that means violated that good Faith and destroyed the mutual Confidence, which ought to subsist and be inviolably preserved between Two Houses in a point of so great Importance as a supply for Defence of the Province, and at a Time when your Subjects in Virginia, and other Plantations were putting themselves in a posture of Defence, and when your Majesty's Arms were employed and the War carried on with so much glory and Vigour in America as well as in other Parts of the World: Whether by a Persuasion of never being attacked, or by their own good Opinion of the Roman Catholics amongst Us, or their little Apprehensions of any ill Dispositions in Our Negroes, They were induced to leave the Country without a proper Supply for Arms and Ammunition in case of a rebellious Insurrection or a hostile Invasion; Or whether they endeavoured to make Use of Our Earnestness to secure this part

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