

than reject it entirely. I thought proper to admit the
Temper & Moderation which the Burgeſſes ſeemed
to ſhew gave me great hopes of ſeeing them paſs
the Journal which has long afforded occaſion for
Diſputes but am ſorry to inform you that at
length they determined not to recede from the
Conditions with regard to the Council's Allowance
which had been inſiſted on by preceding Aſſemblies.
The Revival of the Law for Arms & Ammunition
I did my utmoſt to promote but neither my Exhorta-
tions nor the Secretary of State's Letter requiring
them to join in the Defence of the neighbouring
Colonies againſt any hoſtile Attempts of the French
or Indians could induce them to think ſuch a
timely Proviſion reaſonable & neceſſary. A Copy of
the Secretary's Letter with my Reſponse on the
receipt of it to the Aſſembly & their Address in
answer to it I have taken this opportunity to trans-
mit as His L^{dy} might think proper to acquaint
the Earl Holderneſſe of the due obedience which
has been paid his Commands. The Journal of
Accounts being not agreed on by both Houſes I had
no opportunity of continuing Mr. Bladen's Demand