

expressing the Remembrance of their past Failures & of manifesting their Gratitude  
affection & Gratitude to our most gracious Sovereign & to the Mother Country  
by raising & supporting such a Number of Troops to assist in the Operations  
of the ensuing Campaign as His Majesty was pleased to expect from the  
Province & as the Inhabitants can well afford to furnish; but Sir with  
Concern I must also inform You that an Address which the Members of  
the Lower House sent me the second Day after they met gave me great  
reason to apprehend, & some Resolves which the House made soon afterwards  
left me no room to doubt but they were determined at all Events to  
avoid complying with His Majestys Requisition, for altho I laid before  
them together with Your Letter the Opinion of His Majestys Attorney  
General M. Pratt on the Supply Bill which they had at several Times within  
these three Years offered to the Upper House in which Opinion he had  
remarked on several Parts of the Bill & declared it to be such a One  
as the other Branches of our Legislature could not consistent with Honour  
or their Duty agree to, yet the Gentlemen of the Lower House resolved  
that they would again offer the same Bill & that as they could not agree  
in Opinion with M. Pratt that it was either unreasonable or unconstitutional  
they would still adhere to it accordingly they sent their Bill a few  
Days afterwards to the Gentlemen of the Upper House not expecting their  
Consent, but conceiving that it would have a better Appearance for them  
to Vote Supplies & then propose to raise them by a Bill which they knew  
would be rejected than at once to declare themselves intirely averse to granting  
any Money for His Majestys Service, such being the Resolutions of the  
Lower House, & the Gentlemen of the Upper House being confirmed by M.