

Rest & invest the Lower House of Assembly with executive Powers which
been hitherto exercised by other Branches of our Legislature. The Upper
of Assembly having as I have already hinted several times refused their assent
to such a Bill & so long ago as the Year 1758 particularized their Objections
to it which together with all that passed between the two Houses thereupon were
laid more than two Years ago before His Majesty's Attorney Gen^l. Mr Pratt
who gave it as his Opinion that no Bill liable to such Objections ought to
be passed into a Law. I communicated his Opinion to the Gentlemen of the
Lower House but they declined paying any Regard to it, saying that it was
no uncommon thing for Lawyers to differ in Opinion & that as Your L^{ty} had
not in explicit Terms censured the Proceedings of either the Upper or the Lower
House but only in general Words reprehended the Province for not having
granted Supplies they did not conceive the Censure expressed in Your L^{ty}'s
Letter applicable to themselves since they had several times voted Supplies &
framed Bills in Consequence of such Votes. After the Upper House had return-
ed with a Negative the Bill which in pursuance of the abovesmentioned Vote
had been offered to them this Session, a Motion was made in the Lower House
for appropriating to the purposes of Raising & Supporting 300 Provincials
& furnishing our Quota of Recruits a Sum of Money which is already in
our Treasury but the same Majority which had insisted on the other Bill
vehemently opposed this proposal nor would they even consent to the Appro-
priation of a small Sum towards Raising Recruits for the Regulars tho' there
was more than enough for that Use left unexpended of the Money which was in
1766 raised here by Virtue of an Act then made for His Majesty's Service.
Being convinced by such their Conduct that it would answer no good End to
keep them any longer sitting yesterday in Compliance with their Request put
an End to the Session & informed His Majesty's General on this Continent