

the same time sorry to be under the Necessity of informing You that the
General Assembly of this Province broke up Yesterday without having granted
any Supplies for His Majesty's Service or in any respect whatever complied with
His Majesty's Requisitions communicated to me by the Letters I had last July
the honour to receive from Your Excellency & the Earl of Egremont. Having
soon after they met passed a Vote for Laying Cloathing & Paying during the Space
of one Year 200 Provincials & for Raising the Number of Recruits demanded as our
Quota for the Regular Regiments on this Continent the Members of the Lower
House or rather a small Majority of them Resolved that in order to raise the
Sum of £25000 for those purposes a Bill should be prepared similar to one
which had been before refused eight times by the Upper House & such a Bill
was accordingly brought in about three Weeks afterwards & having after a very
warm Debate between the Members thereupon passed the Lower House met
with the same Fate in the Upper which as I have hinted had already attended
it several times. Upon its being returned with a Negative a Motion was made
in the Lower House for appropriating the Sum of £15000 that is already in
the Treasury towards Raising & Supporting 300 Provincials & furnishing our
Quota of Recruits for the Regulars but that was also after a long Debate over-
ruled as was also another Motion made a few Days afterwards for appropriating
a small Sum towards raising the SA Recruits which they might have easily
done since there is actually more than £2000 remaining unexpended of a Sum
which was levied by Virtue of an Act made in 1756 for His Majesty's Service
had they not been absolutely determined to grant no Money on any Account what-
soever unless by a Bill ^{entirely of a new Nature} which in the Opinion of the Upper House & a great Part
of the People & their Representatives as well as in the Opinion of Ld Chief Justice
Pratt is calculated to introduce Innovations & to subvert our Constitution. Being
long since persuaded that such was their Resolution I took the Liberty to
communicate