

copy of their Votes, they broke up again without granting any supplies nor do  
I think they ever will grant any unless the Dispute subsisting between the two  
Houses should be determined by the Intervention of a superior Authority: The  
Journals of the Proceedings in both Houses during this Session being pretty  
voluminous I cannot send copies of them before the June. Fleet sails but I now  
transmit you together with an Address of the Lower House to me & my answer  
copies of the Messages that passed between the two Houses on the Subject of  
the Money Bill, & of an Address that was presented to me by the Upper House  
relating to those Messages. If you will be pleased to compare the Votes of  
the Members of the Lower House this Session with the Votes in former Sessions  
you will observe that the Number of Opponents to the Assesment Bill is  
greatly increased & as they are in general the most sensible Men in the House  
there were longer & more frequent Debates upon it this Session than have  
ever before been during my Administration so that it was doubtful on  
more Occasions than one whether those who for some Years past have had  
the Management of Affairs in the Lower House would be able to carry their Points  
& indeed could all the Members who dislike their Schemes have constantly attended  
during the whole Session it is not improbable that they would in a great measure have  
been disappointed. When the Question was depending whether they should send to the  
Upper House the Message which Messrs. Tilghman, Hurdock, & the other Leaders had  
prepared by way of Reply to that which they had received from the Upper House  
with their negatived Assesment Bill, there was a very long & vehement Debate & most  
of those who spoke were against the Message nevertheless the Majority carried a Vote  
for its being sent, & a very extraordinary one, it seems to be calculated to make the  
People believe that the Mis carriage of all the Money Bills which have been offered  
to the Upper House is owing to some unreasonable Instruction of the Legislature  
& that the Faction have been constantly propagating among their Constituents the  
Notion they never before took the Liberty to assert so much in their publick Proceedings.