

As the long Address which the Lower House thought fit to present to me seem'd calculated to confirm the same Opinion, I thought it my Duty to observe in my Answer that what ever those Members who were Advocates of that Bill might have suggested, the Dispute was not between His L^{ty} & the People, but between the two Houses of Assembly, or rather between the People themselves for as the Gentlemen of the Upper House intimate in their Address to me, the People are so much divided about it that by the same County are returned some Members who adhere to it & others who strenuously oppose it while some Counties have in a manner instructed their Members to vote against it, & so small is the Majority even in the Lower House at this time for the Bill, that were the Members of both Houses to sit together & vote, it would be rejected by the greater Number of Voices. Such being the Case how unfair & disingenuous was it in those who lead the Majority in that House to insinuate that the Contest is only between the Lord Proprietary & People, & the sole Question whether he should at all contribute towards the Sum wanted for His Majesty's Service but Experience has taught me that there is Nothing which these Men would stick at in Order to carry a favourite Point & unfortunately for this Province there will always be a Number of Members in the Lower House who being unable to judge for themselves will think they must necessarily be serving their Country while they unite with or follow those who have as it were formally declared themselves Enemies to the Govern^t. nevertheless I do not doubt but when the principal Ones in the Opposition find that those who act a different part are the only persons thought worthy of Favour their pretended zeal for the people's good will become cool, & what has pass'd here this Session confirms me in the Opinion I have long entertained that Steadiness & Firmness on the part of his Govern^t will in the End render the Faction contemptible. The Bill which was offer'd to the Upper House this Session did not differ materially from that which had been before rejected, it is to be printed together with the Messages & ~~as~~ it comes from the Press I shall transmit You a Copy. The several Acts to which I gave my Assent of which You will see a List in one of the inclosed