

The three Proferees that that sum was raised to his Majesty for the support of the Government of this Province and by her Majesty as well as his present Majesty's Instructions three pence per lb. of that sume has always been applied to the purchasing Arms and ammunition &c. and the rest for the support of the Governour for the time being actually residing here & on consideration of such application the Legislature of this Province has always been the more ready to advise that sume always intending it should be so applied, and therefore we hope his Excellency never intended Embassy to this and of its being raised and to the Instructions from the Governour to receive any part of that money himself. It seeming probable if he had so designed he would have employed some other person than Mr. Corbett to receive it - unless Mr. Corbett had promised his Excellency to take the oath to the Governour that that money was raised to support without which by the Lack of this Province in good for many years past he could not be qualified for such service, And therefore it is the opinion of these conferees that the publick wellfare of this Province is so farre interested & concerned in the due application of that money for the Honor and better Government of the people as the defence of the Province that we past thereof ought to be given up Specially unto the hands of Mr. Corbett or any other Disaffected to his Majesty's Government or the Protestant interest to Mr. Corbett's recommending to his Excellency that Governour should be used in adventing to some other Governour seems to these Proferees an intelligible Direction designed on purpose by him only to disturb his Excellency in that or one's Execution of his duty he is in or for some other secret ends which Mr. Corbett ought to Explain.

The said Question is to be used in. Advancing to some other Governour but says not which and seems to take it for granted caution is not used in any.

Mr. Corbett seems not very kind to his Excellency in being privy to a proceeding that may be to his Excellency's Detrimment without detecting it that it might be now perverted by the Legislature.

We must believe if Mr. Corbett's Question was a friendly one he would have rendered it more effectually by Explaining it but as it is it rather seems to be a generall threat from passing any laws or if any should be past yet they should not take effect. It is humbly the opinion of these Proferees that Mr. Corbett has used a very indecent freedom with his Excellency in

advancing to himself the liberty of Directing him in so generall a manner a freedom we have never heard used before by any subject to a Governour and its humbly the opinion of these Proferees that Mr. Corbett is guilty therein of great extravagance unless he has some superior authority which if he has should be made publick. Signed for the Proferees John Beale Esq. Proferees
I think being read the house Approves thereof & concurs therewith and ordered the following Resolvement to be made Hudson (1712)
By the Lower house of Assembly. Aug 10th 1716
That it please your Excellency
The within Report being read

1716
this house