

is near; we cannot consistently with the Care we ought to have for the Honour and Safety of this his Majesty's Province, and the tender Regard we sincerely have for the Happiness and Ease of the People, delay any longer mentioning to you, that we do not find amongst the several Engrossed and Paper Bills now lying upon our Table, any Bills reviving the Act for raising *Three Pence* per Hogshead on all Tobacco to be exported, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the defence of this Province; the Act concerning Ordinaries and for the better regulating of Innholders and Ordinary-Keepers within this Province; and the Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise, &c.

The first nearly concerns the Honour and Preservation of this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, especially at this Time of uncertainty whether there will be War or Peace in *Europe*; the other two (we are sufficiently convinced) are greatly desired, and almost universally thought by the Inhabitants of this Province, as proper and even necessary for their Ease, Benefit and Happiness: By these Considerations we are obliged to acquaint you very plainly, that we shall, as a Council of State, advise his Excellency not to Pass any Bill into a Law, which by making this Meeting a Session may determine those Laws so useful and necessary to the Province; and therefore we hope you will take the revival of those Laws under your Consideration, and give them such dispatch as a Session may be forthwith made to our mutual Satisfaction and Benefit.

As we conceive his Excellency's Justice and good Conduct have been as well manifested lately as formerly, and that the Encouragement of Learning is as necessary now as heretofore, we cannot omit putting you in mind of sending us a Bill to continue the Law that raises *One Penny half penny* per Hogshead on Tobacco for the use of his Excellency, and the like Sum for the supporting publick Schools in each County, which will otherwise expire in *September* next.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

By the Lower House of Assembly, June 9. 1739.

May it please your Honours,

IF the Honour and Preservation of this Part of his Majesty's Dominion be so nearly concerned (as you are pleased to say) in the Act for raising *Three Pence* per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported, we cannot well see how those who have had the disposition of the Money hitherto raised to that Use, can acquit themselves for not applying it to the Purpose for which it was raised.

The uncertainty whether Peace or War in Europe having subsisted for some time, and there now being the Sums of 1,2250 11 2 Sterling and 1. 34 13 7½ Current Gold in Bank arising from that Duty, besides upwards