

In answer to which Message, the Honourable the Upper House have been pleased to tell us, that we had Complimented them with a Power of the Seals, but for that they could not command them, desired to be excused from appointing a Time for Seeing the Laws Sealed.

What these Honourable Gentlemen mean, by Answering one thing with another, to which it hath no Relation, as the Seeing Laws Sealed, and the Power of the Seals, seems to us to be, we cannot apprehend, unless it be to introduce something trifling and absurd into the Proceedings, and lay that upon this House, which, however, we shall do what we can to avoid.

We must therefore intreat your Excellency to give Directions that the Seal may be affixed to those Bills, in the usual Manner, that as we have no other Business depending before us, an End may be put to this Sessions, and no farther Charge accrue to the Country.

*The S P E E C H of his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq;
Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of
Maryland, to both Houses of Assembly, June the 12th. 1739.
The Day on which they were Prorogu'd.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

THE Gentlemen of the Upper House have so fully shewn the Obligation I am under, of doing every Thing in my Power, to continue the many useful Laws which they have mentioned to you, that I have little to add upon that Head; only I cannot help expressing my Surprise at the Resolutions your House seems to have taken, to use your utmost Endeavours to deprive the Country of the Fund, that has subsisted for so many Years, for Purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province, at this Time especially, when it is so necessary for all his Majesty's Colonies in *America*, to put themselves into such a Condition, as may not only enable them to Defend themselves, if they should be Attacked, but to assist their Neighbours in the like unhappy Circumstances.

In such a Conjuncture it would certainly be much more proper to increase the abovementioned Fund than to destroy it, our Loyalty and Duty to his Majesty in such Times of general Danger, being much better expressed by our Actions, than by the most high sounding Words, which it is well known the Enemies of his Majesty's Government in all his Dominions are very often more lavish of, than his most faithful Subjects, whose true Loyalty and Affection prompt them to something more real and substantial.