

As to what you say in your Message to the Upper House, "That you 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."

"And that besides the Money arising from this Duty now in Bank, there remains *Two Thousand Five Hundred* Pounds Sterling unaccounted for in any manner; And that the Proprietor has possessed himself of a considerable Annual Sum, amounting to at least *Two Thousand Two Hundred* Pounds Sterling, arising on the Shipping Trading into, and Staple Export of this Province, without any Law for Levying the same:" I cannot help saying, that these are such low and mean Aspersions, and so absolutely without the least Foundation, that they must either be allowed to manifest a strong Inclination to throw Dirt, or a Desire to give some colour to the Violence of your Proceedings, which you cannot but already begin to see have given Offence to many of the best and wisest Men in the Province, who, I am perswaded, will be daily more and more convinced, that violent personal Malice and Hatred have been stronger Motives to your said Proceedings, than any true Protestant English Spirit for the Good of your Country.

But whatever Considerations may have been the Cause of your present Conduct, I shall never be brought to do any thing on my Part inconsistent with that Duty which I owe to his Majesty, and which obliges me in my present Station to do every thing that lies in my Power for his Majesty's Honour, and for the Safety and Defence of this Part of his Majesty's Dominions.

I therefore have thought it proper, by the unanimous Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to Prorogue this Assembly to the First Tuesday in *September* next, and you are to take Notice you are Prorogued to that Day accordingly.

