

*Post Meridiem.*

The House Met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Message :

*By the Lower House of Assembly, May 10. 1740.*

*May it please your Honours,*

**H**AD the many Objections made in your Message of the 8th Instant, by Col. *Harris*, to our Bill for issuing 2636 l. 16 s. 3 d. for encouragement of Persons Enlisting themselves in his Majesty's Service, been proposed as Amendments, or had you left us any room to expect your Approbation of it with such Amendments, we certainly should have concurred with many of them, and the others by Conferences or otherwise, might have been so accommodated as that the Bill might have been agreed upon and passed both Houses: But since you have been pleased, with your Objections, to give an Absolute and General Negative to *that* and all other Bills, either of this or any other kind, unless upon such Terms and Conditions, which as they in no way relate to his Majesty's Service, but are in our apprehension destructive of the Rights of those we Represent, we cannot consistent with our Duty to them or ourselves come into; and therefore shall content ourselves with telling you, that we presume his Majesty would be much better pleased with something to be really done for his Service, altho' attended with some Charge or Inconvenience to those who do it, than with the greatest Pretensions and highest Professions of Zeal for his Interest, tho' dressed up in the most lofty Words and pompous Expressions.

Your first and principal Reason for not concurring with the Bill for raising Three pence per Hoghead for purchasing Arms and Ammunition, we perceive is because it is not made to subsist for a determined Time, and to the end of the next Session after the end of that Time, so that had it been made to continue for any number of Years, we find it would not have pleased your Honours, unless it were to have ended with a next Session of Assembly, which in effect is making a Law that ought to be Temporary in its Nature, Perpetual, or at least to endure so long as any particular Branch of the Legislature thinks proper, tho' contrary to the Inclination of the others and Interest of the Country.

If the Constitution of our Mother Country consisting of three Branches is the best, This Province has endeavoured to follow that Example, and every one of the least Penetration must allow, that unless each of those Branches be Independent and Free from any compulsory Power of the others with respect to their Actions, the Benefit of such a Constitution is lost; and it must always be so, when any one of the Three hold their

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