

quaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor is ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Mr. Henry, Mr. Gale, Mr. Hynson, and Mr. Robert Norrest Wright, were Ordered to present the Address to the Governor.

The following Message :

*By the Lower House of Assembly, May 14. 1740.*

*May it please your Honours,*

Whoever Reads your Message to this House of the 8th Instant, and our Answer thereto, may easily see how groundless it is to charge us with Coolness or Indifferency in what concerns our Duty to his Majesty and the Honour and Prosperity of our Mother Country ; and that it was from your Assertion not to Pass any Bill whatever, unless that for Arms and Ammunition was made to end with a Session of Assembly, that we desisted Proceeding any further on the Bill for Encouragement of his Majesty's Levies, since for the Reasons mentioned in that Message of ours we could not agree to any Money Bills having such a Duration. Your Words are, " and therefore we rather choose to retain that Bill for Arms " and Ammunition with a Negative, than by Passing it, or any other at " this juncture, to forward the making a Session, which must put an end " to an Act of the like kind that otherwise will continue 'till a Session " happens."

We cannot find any part of our Message wherein it is said, that the Bill for Arms and Ammunition in no ways relates to his Majesty's Service, or is destructive to our Constituents; we have indeed told your Honours, that the making that or any other Bill of the like kind to end with a Session, we have found by Experience to be hurtful; and cannot have any relation to his Majesty's Service, since the alternative we propose must much more contribute to that Service than such a Determination possibly could do; nor can we agree with your Honours, that the same reason holds, with regard to Laws of a different kind; It is well known our Mother Country grant their Supplies Annually, and encrease or diminish them as they see Occasion, and the reason Why they grant them for so short a Time and with a fixed Duration, we presume cannot be unknown to your Honours. The use you are pleased to make of what we said of the Subserviency of one Branch of a Legislature to another, is very extraordinary, insinuating that we are only prompted by a desire your Offices should be enjoyed by other than yourselves: Altho' this be an odd way of answering Facts, yet 'tis not new; It is thus, that a devout Exercise of Religious Duties, has by some been termed Enthusiasm, A rational Enquiry into the Grounds and Principles of Religion, branded