

with it, nor is it to be doubted but the Motives which induce us to this now, will equally operate on us or our Successors if there be the same necessity at the expiration of that term.

If your Honours shall think fit to accept of this Offer, we shall prepare a Bill for that purpose, and without loss of time, proceed to the Dispatch of the other Business; But if 'tis to be refused, and you persist in your former Resolution, we pray you'll advise us therewith, that an end may be put to our Meeting, and no more of the Country's Money, or our Time, spent to no purpose. We will trouble your Honours no farther about Roman Catholicks, than by saying, that if there is any apprehension of Danger from them, there are already many Laws in being against them, and we doubt not of the Care of the Government in putting them in Execution, if there be Occasion, nor shall we be in the least backward in joining in any other Law that may be thought needful to prevent any danger from those People.

Your Honours, we hope, will excuse our not following you in every particular of your long Message, the principal parts we think are answered, and as the Supply we offer is more than heretofore has usually been given, so we hope it will be sufficient, with the Arms already purchased, and the Money in Bank, to enable us to defend ourselves against Roman Catholicks, Negroes, or any other Enemies. And if you think that a Conference of both Houses, may conduce to promote the Bill for Encouragement of his Majesty's Levies, or to determine the certain Duration of that for Arms and Ammunition, and the Sum necessary to be raised, we shall readily agree to it.

Signed per Order, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Lo. Ho:
Sent to the Upper House by *Mr. Calder* and *Col. Colvill*.

The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Thursday Morning, May 15. 1740.

THE House Met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Message from his Excellency the Governor was Communicated to Mr. Speaker, which he Communicates to the House.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Am obliged to you for having ordered to be entered on your Journal, all the Letters, and other Papers that passed on the Occasion mentioned in my Message of the 13th Instant, particularly the Two Letters from Edmund Jenings and Levin Gale, Esquires, to their Clerks, which I thought very necessary to shew the Sense those Gentlemen had of the Two Orders of Council of the first of August, and 11th of October last, and
which,