

quired it: Nevertheless we assure your Excellency we shall deliberately consider of any Proposition you shall make for the better Distribution and Security of the Provincial Arms and Ammunition, and give any Advice and Assistance in that Affair as we shall think agreeable to your Excellency and conducive to the Welfare of the Province.

James Hollyday, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message:

By the Upper House of Assembly, May 15. 1740,  
Gentlemen,

**I**T must be on reading the several Messages, that a Judgment can be formed, whether we had sufficient Reasons to mention your Indifferency, with regard to the Duty we all owe to his Majesty and this Country; and if your first unwillingness to pass at this juncture of a present War with Spain, and an impending one with France, a Bill for Arms, &c. for the Defence of this Province, for any longer time than till September 1741; if your readiness to answer for the quiet Behaviour of such, who were never imagined to have the most cordial Dispositions or Inclinations to our present happy establishment in Church and State; if your passing over in so slight a manner as you have done, the late Conspiracy amongst our Negroes, or the reasonableness of making some better Provision against any of the like kind for the future; we say, if these Passages confirm your Care and Watchfulness for this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, and our own immediate Preservation, we must own our Surmise of your Indifferency in these Points was groundless; But if they should be understood in a different light, we hope, we shall be thought to have Reason on our side, when we mentioned that 'your Indifferency at this juncture required from us more Vigilance and Care.'

It is true you did not (nor do we charge that you did) say in express Terms 'that the Bill for Arms, &c. did not in any way relate to his Majesty's Service or was destructive to your Constituents,' but this you did say 'that we gave an absolute Negative to that (meaning the Bill for Encouragement of Levies) and all other Bills, except on such Conditions, which in no way related to his Majesty's Service, but were in your Apprehensions destructive of the Rights of those you Represent,' in answer to which, we told you, 'that we never insisted on any other Point than the Passage or Revival of the Bill for Arms, &c. for Defence of the Province for a determined Time, and to the end of the next Session as usually:' This Assertion was so true that it cannot be denied, nor indeed have you offered to deny it, and as you cannot gainsay but such an Act related to his Majesty's Service, in the Preservation of this part of his Majesty's Dominions as well as of the Rights of your Constituents.