

stituents; we should be very glad to know whether by unavoidable consequence from your Words, and the Condition or Point we only insisted on, you will not appear to have suggested, that the Bill for Arms, &c. for Defence of the Province did not relate to his Majesty's Service, or the good of the Country, as strongly as if you had used the very Words; nor will your Offer of the Alternative in the least alter the Force of the Construction, which (as we have urged) must necessarily be put on your Words, tho' it may (if adhered to) give us some Satisfaction with regard to your Intentions.

We are sorry you will disagree (without assigning any Reason) with us, in what is so plainly reasonable, as that, if the continuance to the end of a next Session may make this Act of Arms Perpetual, by the Wilfulness of any part of a Legislature not to pass any Law, in order to prevent a Session, such a continuance of other Acts may also make them Perpetual, by a like Conduct of any part of the Legislature.

We shall not presume, in this Question to conjecture the Reasons which influence the Legislators of *Great Britain* in the Passage or Duration of any of their Money Bills; but we hope we may take Notice, That the many Acts of Parliament for raising Money by Duties, or otherwise, for the Uses of the Government and Nation, have various Terms assigned for their Continuances: The Hereditary Revenue and some other Acts are Perpetual, The Civil List is during the King's Life, the Land Tax and Malt Act are Annual, some Acts are for a certain number of Years, but (what reaches our Dispute) many Acts for raising Duties (and even some unappropriated at the Time of making the Acts) are for a certain number of Years and to the end of the next Session; for this purpose we think it not improper to refer you to the 12th Ann Stat. 2. Cap. 8. Section 2, for a Duty on Tobacco for 5 Years and to the end of the next Session, 8 Will. 3. Cap. 20. additional Duties on *French Wines* for 21 Years and to the end of the next Session, 20 Car. 2. Cap. 5. 7, 8. Will. 3. Cap. 36, and 1 Ann Cap. 13. Duty on Leather exported for 5 Years, &c. 18 Car. 2. Cap. 5. 1 Geo. 1. Cap. 43. 9 Geo. 1. Cap. 19, and 4 Geo. 2. Cap. 12. for encouraging of Coinage, 2 Geo. 2. Cap. 17, Duty on Com-pound Waters, Spirits, &c. 2 Geo. 2. Cap. 28. Copper Oar made an enu-merated Commodity, and 6 Geo. 2. Cap. 13. and 11 Geo. 2. for Duties on Sugar, Rum and Mollasses; by these Acts, *Gentlemen*, you will per-ceive such a Continuance, as we have insisted on, is not unusual in Money Acts of Parliament.

In the long Paragraph, where you state a Case about the House of Peers with many Arguments relating to it, your own Conclusion gives a plain