

These Things affect your Honours who have large Estates and may expect to leave Posterity in the Country, equally with Us and our Constituents, and should private Interest, or any other temporary Views, influence you not to join with us to prevent such Milchiefs as possibly may happen, yet we are determined not to repeat the Evils arising from either the too long, or the uncertain Duration of any Money Bill, reserving still a due regard to any particular Exigence, the certain Duration and short Continuance of this Bill being now the only Means left us, whereby we can have any Assurance of frequent Assemblies; and we are still the more induced to this from the fatal Experience of being kept without a Session of Assembly for near Three Years past (altho' the Circumstances of the Province never more required one) meerly for the sake, as you pretend, of this one Law, with the Clause of ending with a Session put to it: At the last Revival in 1734, when all the former Laws since his Lordship's Accession to the Government, whereby this *Three Pence* has been given, have not had Duration above Three Years, and always ended at a certain Day, altho' your Honours have not stuck to say, that the manner of ending with a Session has been usual.

Would it not be dealing more ingeniously with the World to declare the real Obstacle of your not agreeing to a Session, than the plausible Pretence of the *Three Pence* per Hogshead, alledged to be so necessary for the Defence and Safety of the Province, and endeavouring to make Strangers believe that the Country must perish without it? If this be so, why has that Money for these last Seven Years, to go no further back, been hoarded up at *London* to a great Sum? and in all that Time not much above the value of one Years Receipt laid out or imported for our Safety? How can it be answer'd for, that after so long an apprehension of a Rupture, Application has not been made of this Money, till an actual War is broke out, and our Enemies, as you say, within Eight or Ten Days March of us? And when the Arms now sent for are in Danger of being taken by them, and we of being destroy'd with the Produce of our own Money? Not to say any thing at this Time of the fourth Part of what his Lordship has for some Years taken for Support of Government, which by the Act under which it is claimed, was intended, and by express Instructions from the Throne in the time of the Crown Government, was actually applied to the same use. Altho' his Lordship has never parted with one Farthing of it, that we know of, for that or any other Purpose, that concerns the Defence or Safety of the Province.

Your Honours surely could not be in Earnest when you drew your Consequence on the Case stated about a House of Peers, we in very express

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