

would really convince any Person of the justness of your Reason, you must shew that the Purposes, to which the Government applies the Money arising from the Act of Arms, &c. are so absolutely necessary to the Being or Support of the Government, independent of the necessary Defence of the Province, as that they cannot be without it; a Proof of this you have not attempted, for it is very well known this Government does not make use of that Money, but really (as you say) has hoarded it up, (and we think wisely) for such like Exigencies as the present appearance of Affairs threaten us with; Before we leave this Point, let us consider it even in your own Light; if such an Act is so absolutely necessary (as you pretend) to the Being and Subsistence of the Government, our Attachment to it can be no surprize, nor unreasonable, especially when under the alarms of a dangerous War last Year, you absolutely refused to revive it.

You complain of being kept out of any Session for Three Years past, merely upon our Pretence (as you say) for the sake of this one Law; Pray, *Gentlemen*, what Foundation have you to urge, that we ever made such a Pretence? This we positively deny, and we further tell you, that it is notorious, the Assembly in 1738 was Prorogued, and afterwards Dissolved on account of a Difference which prevented an Intercourse (as Things then stood) between the two Houses; it is true, the last Meeting of Assembly in 1739 did end without a Session, principally because you would not Pass a Bill for Arms, &c. and we are satisfied your Refusal at that Juncture will lay the blame of no Session on the proper Persons; so that only one Year, and not three Years, has yet passed without a Session on account of that Bill, and your own Journals will shew that we have not lost one Act of a publick Nature by there being no Session at those two Meetings (except a Bill that was brought in relating to Pork) for all such Acts still do, and will continue in Force tho' there should be now no Session, but if there had been more Laws lost, that might have been really useful to the Country, it must and ought in Justice solely to be imputed to your House, who chose to expose the Country to any Inconveniencies, rather than continue the only Fund established for it's necessary Defence and Security.

You insinuate, as if there were some other real Obstacle of our not agreeing to a Session, than the plausible Pretence of *Three Pence* per Hogthead; we are glad you will allow it a plausible Pretence, but we do most solemnly and sincerely assure you, and all those Strangers you speak of, that our true and only Motive of not passing any Bill, is, lest a Session should be made and the Act of *Three Pence* for Arms, &c. should be dropt,