

so astonishing, that it will hardly be believed by his Majesty and the Ministry at home, to whom we must refer ourselves for the justification of our Conduct; and flatter ourselves, that we shall have Justice done to the sincerity of our Intentions there, as well as by every candid and impartial Man in this Province.

Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

*The House Adjourns to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Edward Wright* and Mr. *Wilkinson* appeared in the House this Afternoon.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise*; Sent to the Upper House by *William Stoughton*, Esq; and *Col. Hanson*.

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

*Friday Morning, May 30. 1740.*

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Capt. *Henry Trippe* appeared in the House this Day.

The following Message, *viz.*

*By the Lower House of Assembly, May 30. 1740.*

*May it please your Honours,*

WE little expected that our Readiness to offer a Bill for encouragement of his Majesty's Levies, and chearfulness in doubling the Sum for purchasing Arms for Defence of the Province, could have met with such Obstruction from your House, after your so many Declarations of our present Necessities and Danger, or that it could have been attended with a Consequence on your Part, so very prejudicial to the People in other Respects, *viz.* the altering the duration of our Laws to be Re-enacted this Session, whereon the Administration of Justice, the raising and payment of Taxes, and the general Utility of the Province particularly depend, (many whereof have now lain three Weeks on your Table) from that of ending with a Session, as they always heretofore have done, to determine on a Day certain; merely because we contended (and we hope with great Reason) that Money Bills should have such Duration.

Can it be the Safety and Welfare of the Country, that move your Honours to this? Will not all the World say, that it is only calculated to obtain an Ascendant over the People, by having it in your Power, at the expiration of those Laws, to compel the Representatives of the People into compliances with any high Demands your House shall be pleased to make