

in every Respect, we are the more surprized at your backwardness to send up to us the Bill for Arms, &c. since it is designed as a Provision against our Enemies abroad, and also against those, which you speak of at home, and against whom it is highly incumbent on both of us, to take a proper Care.

And now *Gentlemen*, we have only further to hope, that you will not press us any more on a Point which we cannot, consistent with our being a distinct part of the Legislature, give up; and if a Session can be had on no other Terms, we can only wish you had desired a less unreasonable Thing; and which we could with any Decency have submitted to: But however if you still persist to have that Information which cannot be given, as we are greatly desirous of passing the Bill for encouragement of Levies for his Majesty's Service, so as it may be done, without destroying our only Fund for Defence of the Province, we should be glad if you could think it expedient as Affairs now stand, to revive and continue all the Acts now in Force for any Term whatever and to the end of the next Session, so that a present Session may be made to our mutual Satisfaction.

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.

The following Message:

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 31. 1740.

May it please your Honours,

WE cannot conceive that what we insist upon, in any manner affects the Rights, or tends to render any Branch of the Legislature useless or ridiculous, nor is it different from your own Conduct upon a late Occasion, where you actually withheld two of our Ingrossed Bills 'till we should Satisfy your House in what you required by your Messages.

It is the not Reading the Bills before you a Second Time, and sending them with the former Duration that we complain of, since that would remove all Obstacles to a Session.

We are glad however, that without that Reading you have agreed the Duration we contend for is reasonable, by your offering it to us in the Conclusion of your Message of this Day; altho' the Condition annex'd to that Offer is very Extraordinary, *viz.* that we should give *Three Pence* per Hoghead for Arms, &c. altho' at your Honours Request, and by Consent of the Conferees and both Houses, *Six Pence* had been agreed to be absolutely necessary at this dangerous Juncture.

Therefore