

a Session, provided all such Acts as would determine by a Session, might be continued in the same Plight and Condition, they must be, if there should be now no Session, which would be by reviving them for any Term (tho' ever so short) and to the End of the next Session; and this Expedient we imagined would be better than no Session and no Levy Act; Not that we preferred *Three Pence* to *Six Pence* for Defence of the Province, but because, without a Session there would be only *Three Pence*, and by the Passage of any Bill, whilst you keep in your House the Bill agreed on by the Conferees, we might from the present Appearance of your Conduct fear losing even that *Three Pence*: But since you profess yourselves unwilling to lessen our Provision against our Foreign and Domestic Enemies from the *Six Pence* you have agreed to, to the *Three Pence* you have endeavoured to take from us, we doubt not, but you will immediately send up the Bill for *Six Pence*, which is agreed by the Conferees of both Houses to be determined as you have desired.

It is true, *Gentlemen*, we have (as you say) the Bill for Encouragement of his Majesty's Levies in our Possession, and we must own you have had the Address, from your own Knowledge of our unshaken Duty and Affection to the best of Kings, and of our sincere Zeal for whatever may contribute to his Glory, and the Prosperity of our Mother Country, to work upon us by those irresistible Motives, and therefore you sent to us that Bill in order that a Session might be made; we have hitherto endeavoured to prevail with you that a Session might be made to our mutual Satisfaction, we have not been able to procure your Compliance with us in that respect, and therefore as the greatest Testimony we can in this case give of our Affection to his Majesty, and Cheerfulness in his Service, we have Passed the Bill agreed to by the Conferees of both Houses for Encouragement of his Majesty's Levies; In return for which we cannot but expect, from your avowed Loyalty to his Majesty, and Attachment to our present happy Establishment, an immediate Dispatch of the Bill for Arms, &c. for Defence of this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, agreeable to the Report of the Conferees of both Houses: And in order that we may proceed to some other Business than sending Messages backwards and forwards, we do tell you plainly, our unalterable Resolution is, not to Read any other Bill on our Table, before you send to us the Bill for Arms, &c. agreeable to the Conferees Report; From this fixed Determination we will not recede on any Consideration whatever, and therefore every Minute employed about Messages before that is sent to us, will be trifling away our own Time and the Country's Money.

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

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