

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 3. 1740.

Gentlemen,

WE are under a necessity of reminding you that in one of your Messages last Convention, you asserted that 2500 l. Sterling of the *Three Pence* per Hoghead for Arms, &c. was unaccounted for in any manner, this Message was Printed among your Proceedings, and not only dispersed all over the Province, but also carried into some of the neighbouring Colonies; no Man who read that part of your Message, could imagine, that a Lower House of Assembly would without any Foundation charge a Governor and Council with so great a Crime as Embezzelling Publick Money, and yet there was not the least Foundation for that Charge, and we make no doubt but that you are fully convinced that there was not, nor could possibly be, without the Connivance at least of former Lower Houses, before whom you know it has been the Custom to lay the Accounts of that Fund every Session of Assembly, and from whose Inspection it was impossible to conceal such a Sum, or any thing like it, out of a Fund that raised but about 300 l. *communibus Annis*; we have mentioned this Thing to you more than once this Session, and desired that the proper enquiry might be made into it, that our Innocence may appear to those who have been so far misled by the Injustice you have done us, as to think us guilty of one of the greatest Crimes: But we can't but with Concern observe you take but little notice of it, which can proceed from no other Motive but a very strong Inclination in you to fix an Odium upon us, tho' you are convinced in your own Consciences we do not deserve it; we are therefore, in order to vindicate our own Characters, obliged to call upon you again to examine the several Accounts of the *Three Pence* per Hoghead for Arms, &c. which we are well assured has not been dishonestly or unjustly disposed of, and we shall not omit any opportunity of calling upon you to this Purpose, 'till the Matter is put in a clear Light.

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

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, entituled, *An Act for Issuing and Paying out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit Established by Act of Assembly the Sum of 2562 l. 10 s. Current Money in Bills of Credit, to be applied for the Encouragement of Persons voluntarily Inlisting themselves in his Majesty's Service.*

Indorsed, ' By the Upper House of Assembly, June 3. 1740. the Indorsed Bill, whereof this is the Original, is Read and Assented to.

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