

who will be ready to attend for that Purpose in the Conference Chamber to Morrow Morning.

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

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Answer from his Excellency, to the Address of this House, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

*I Was in great Hopes you would have entered upon the Consideration of the Matters proposed in my Message of the Second Instant, as you had assured me, " that you would deliberately consider of any Proposition " I should make for the better Distribution and Security of the Provincial Arms and Ammunition, and give any Advice and Assistance in " that Affair, as you should think agreeable to me, and conducive to the " Welfare of the Province.*

*The Result of any Consideration upon these Matters may easily and in a short Time be passed into a Law, besides the Arming ourselves in a proper manner, and putting our Militia into such a Condition as may enable them in some measure to contend with such regular Troops as may attack us, is an Affair of such great Importance to the Safety and Security of the People of this Province, and the Preservation of this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, that it would well merit the Calling together of an Assembly, if there was no other Business whatsoever to be laid before it : The general Preservation of the Province, with all our Lives and Properties, is certainly a Point of infinitely greater Importance to ourselves, as well as our Mother Country, than all other Things under our Consideration at this Time, however they may be enlarged upon and magnified.*

*But if you think the Provision in one of the Militia Acts, " whereby " Persons prest or enlisted in case of a foreign Invasion, refusing upon " their Officer's Command, to appear and serve in Arms, are subjected " to Prosecutions in the Provincial Court, and to be fined and imprisoned " at the Discretion of that Court," is sufficient to instruct and discipline Militia, and enable them to withstand Regular Troops, however mistaken you may be in such Notions, I have nothing to do but to acquiesce, having nothing further in my Power but to give my Assent to any Law, that you may think further necessary for that Purpose.*

SAM. OGLE.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House Enter the several Accounts of the Commissioners or Trustees of the Paper Currency residing in England, as they are transmitted, and that he be allowed a reasonable Satisfaction for the same.

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