

“ Time) that my Duty to his Majesty, and Care of his Subjects under this
 “ Government, would never suffer me to omit any Opportunity of ear-
 “ nestly exhorting you, to make a suitable Provision for that purpose, nor
 “ could you (I said) be unmindful of what I recommended to you at
 “ the last Session, in relation to a Magazine, and an Amendment of our
 “ present Militia Law.

“ These Points I told you I judged absolutely necessary to lay before
 “ you, and press particularly at this Juncture, and that they were of such
 “ Consequence, that I hoped you would give a Preference and Dispatch to
 “ them in the first place, before any other Business you might think fit
 “ to proceed on, for, I was well assured, you would by such a Conduct,
 “ rather than any other, approve yourselves dutiful Subjects to his most
 “ gracious Majesty, as well as true Friends and Guardians of the Safety
 “ and Well-being of this Province.

In Answer to this in your Address you told me, “ that the Principle
 “ of Self-Preservation would at all Times engage you to provide, as far
 “ as lies in your Power, for the Defence of yourselves and the Province,
 “ and that you would in that and all other Parts of your Conduct, use
 “ your utmost Endeavours to approve yourselves dutiful Subjects to his
 “ most gracious Majesty, as well as true Friends and Guardians of the
 “ Safety and Well-being of this Province.

But from that Time to this I have not heard any thing from your
 House relating to the Bill for the Fund for Purchasing Arms and Ammu-
 nition for the Defence of the Province, altho’ that Bill was agreed on by
 the Two Houses, the last Session of Assembly, to be passed previously to
 all other Laws, excepting that for Raising Levies for his Majesty’s Service,
 when you told me in your Address of the 4th of June, “ that it gave
 “ you no small concern, that after the most solemn Protestations and Af-
 “ surances you had given me to the contrary, you should by me be
 “ suspected of an Intention to keep back the Bill for Arms and Ammu-
 “ nition, or to deprive the Province of a necessary Fund for It’s support,
 “ when you could with Truth assure me, that there is not a Member in
 “ your House against that Bill.

To this I may add in your own Words, that the frequent Renewments
 of this Bill, which with general Approbation have been in use for many
 Years, give it as great a Sanction as any Agreement of Conferees can to
 a new One, and that as you observe of some other Bills, that It having
 been in-use many Years, and often Re-enacted, it cannot require much
 Time for Consideration.

You cannot but be sensible of the poor and defenceless Condition of our
 Magazines