

Effect the same, where their Delegates are under the coercive Power of any other Branch of the Legislature.

We are sorry to find, that after this House had so chearfully contributed for Promoting his Majesty's Service, and complying with the Royal Instructions, you should Accuse rather than Approve our Conduct, and the more so, because it is evident we have on that Occasion even exceeded what the present Condition of the Province can well afford.

We must still deny any endeavour to Delay, far less to Destroy, the Fund for our Defence at this Time; we gave all the Assurances Men could give at the last Session of the Bill for that purpose, and it cannot be unknown to your Excellency, that a Bill for the same use now lies before us ready to Pass, whenever our Bills in the Upper House shall be sent us with their usual Duration; and we can with Truth repeat, that there is not a Member of this House against this Bill's Passing into a Law, and therefore must in this as in every other Part of our Proceedings, let the Publick Judge to whom the Want of this and All the other Bills, as well as the heavy Expences occasioned by frequent fruitless Assemblies, are to be imputed.

We therefore conclude with the Plainness your Excellency desires, by telling you, that we will not introduce the practice of Bargaining for what of Right, as *British* Subjects, the People ought to Enjoy; that the Bill for *Six Pence* per Hogshead has had it's First Reading, but that we are determined to proceed no further in that or any other Money Bill that may Tax or Burthen the Country (those relating to his Majesty's immediate Service only excepted) until we have a regular return of the long accustomed method of Proceeding from the other Branches of the Legislature with this House, and of all our useful and necessary Bills Passed with their accustomed Duration.

Which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

*The House Adjourns to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House Met according to Adjournment, &c.

The Address to his Excellency being Ingrossed, was Signed by Order and on Behalt of the House of Delegates, by the Honourable Speaker.

Col. *Hanson* and Col. *Colwill* were Ordered to acquaint his Excellency this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker the Governor will be ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Col. *Hanson*, and Seven more, were Ordered to Present the Address.

Col.