

of the Gentlemen of the Upper House; I know the great Interest they have in the Province, which makes it impossible for them not to wish it's Prosperity, and I know the Abilities they have to second their Inclinations, and I am fully perswaded that in all their Proceedings in a Legislative Capacity, their Views are just and reasonable, and for the true Interest of their Country; but what you mean by saying, "It is now become no longer a Secret, that the late and present Conduct of the Upper House, with respect to our expired Country Laws, is approved of and justified by me," I must confess myself wholly at a loss to comprehend, as the greatest part of the expired Country Laws (as you term them) have now actually passed both Houses, and consequently must have had their joint Approbation, whereas my Assent or Approbation of them is yet to come.

But whatever my Sentiments may be of the other temporary Laws, I must own I have often expressed my surprize in relation to the Conduct of your House about the Bill for the *Three Pence* per Hoghead for Purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province, and after all the Consideration that I am capable of, I can very truly and candidly declare, that I think in my Conscience your House entirely in the wrong, and that you have put the Country to thrice the Charges, that they would have been at, if you had passed that Bill in the usual manner.

Whatever I have done or said to induce you to pass it, I can very truly assure you, has proceeded wholly from the sense I have of my Duty to his Majesty, the Lord Proprietor, and the Safety and Security of the good People of this Province, for whose Welfare this Bill is at least as necessary, as any one Bill that can be thought on by your House, and although I am obliged by my Station more particularly to press it than others, I have no more private Advantage by it, than any other Man in the Province; Of the Reasonableness of my Behaviour in this respect I am so fully satisfied, that I shall very willingly and chearfully submit it to the Consideration of his Majesty, whenever I shall be called on so to do.

And I am perswaded, if you would but seriously consider the indispensable Duty that always must lie upon me, and every succeeding Governor, to press by all the just and legal means that can be thought of so very reasonable and necessary a Bill, you would forbear keeping up a Dispute, that must be always unavoidable on the part of the Government, whenever you think fit to attack it on this head.

As to the Case you state to be left to your Constituents, and other impartial Judges to determine in the Matter, if you will but re-consider it with any sort of Candour and Attention, surely you yourselves must acknowledge it to be so full of Mistakes and Misapprehensions, that all