

Reasoning from thence must entirely fall to the Ground; you begin it thus,
 “ The Law for raising *Three Pence* per Hoghead for Purchasing Arms and
 “ Ammunition, Revived in the Year 1734, was then made to Continue
 “ for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after
 “ the Three Years, a Duration it never till then had, from the Time it
 “ was first made in the Year 1717: About the Time those Three Years
 “ expired, the Renewment of that Law, with the like unlimited Con-
 “ tinuance, was strongly insisted on, and for want of this House’s Com-
 “ pliance in that point, having found it inconvenient, the Province was
 “ kept out of a Session of Assembly for almost Three Years, &c.

Now I must own I cannot apprehend that a Continuance to the End of
 the next Session of Assembly was ever before thought to be an unlimited
 one, neither can I find that the Upper House ever insisted on such a Con-
 tinuance to be necessary before the last Session in *April* 1740, when the
 then situation of Affairs might induce every impartial Person to judge
 such a Continuance expedient; and even then the Upper House was pre-
 vailed on by your Offer of *Six Pence* per Hoghead instead of *Three Pence*
 to waive that Continuance, and concur with your House in a Bill for *Six*
Pence per Hoghead for Three Years; and supposing for Arguments sake
 that a Continuance to the End of the next Session of Assembly was really
 improper, will it from thence follow that you have a Right to insist on
 having this very Continuance (which you object to in a Bill for the De-
 fence of the Province) put to every other Law you think fit? On the
 contrary, has not the Upper House an indisputable Right to leave it out,
 or put it into every Bill they Pass, as they think proper? But to obviate
 this glaring Truth, you very roundly assert “ that it is well known that
 “ the Country Laws before mentioned never yet had any other kind of
 “ Duration than for a certain Time, and to the End of the next Session
 “ of Assembly:” Pray, *Gentlemen*, are you really so Ignorant of this
 Affair yourselves as to think this, or do you think you may say any thing
 to me upon this Argument? Pray look in the Printed Body of Laws,
 Fol. 220, and you will find the Act for Relieving the Inhabitants of this
 Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecutions of Suits at Law,
 only Revived and continued from the then Session to the 29th of *Sep-*
tember 1723.

Having now shewn clearly your Mistake in advancing, that the Pro-
 vince was kept out of an Assembly for almost Three Years, for want of
 your House’s Compliance with the unlimited Continuance (as you call it)
 of the Bill for *Three Pence* per Hoghead, to the End of the next Session
 of Assembly, which Dispute did not arise till this present Year 1740; I
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