

shall further shew that your Endeavours to drop that Bill did not at all arise from the Upper House's insisting on the Continuance you mention, but that on the contrary, the Upper House's insisting on that Continuance did in reality proceed from the Resolution you declared of dropping that Bill for very different Reasons from what you now give; and that I may not do you any Injury, I shall shew your said Resolution, and the Reasons of it, in your own Words: In your Message of the 9th of June 1739, previous to any Dispute about the Continuance of the Bill for Arms, &c. you say, "The uncertainty whether Peace or War in Europe having subsisted for some time, and there now being the Sums of £. 2250 11 2 Sterling, and £. 34 13 7³/₄ Current Gold in Bank arising from that Duty, besides upwards of £. 2500 Sterling unaccounted for in any manner, we have as we think, justly concluded that his Excellency and your Honours have been of Opinion, either that Arms and Ammunition were useless to the Province, or that there is a sufficient Stock already provided, otherwise you would never have neglected so essential a Part of your Duty, as is the Care of and laying out that Money, had you thought it necessary for the Safety of the People; wherefore, until that Money is accounted for, and that in Bank laid out, &c. we do not think the Revival of that Bill necessary.

As I am sure every Man in your House is now fully satisfied that the Charge of 2500 l. unaccounted for is wholly groundless, and that I can assure you that Arms and Ammunition are sent for near to the value of what is in Bank, according to the best Calculation that we could make here, I hope you will allow that these two Reasons wholly cease, and as you have not yet given any others that I can remember, except those about the Continuance, I hope you will no longer delay sending up the Bill for Arms, &c. so necessary for the Defence of the Province.

26 July, 1740.

SAM. OGLE.

Col. King, Mr. Calder, Dr. Carroll. Col. Colwill. Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Denton, Mr. Smith, Mr. Rumsey and Capt. Gist, appointed to draw an Address to his Excellency on his Answer this Day communicated.

The House Adjourns to Monday Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Monday Morning, July 28. 1740.

THE House Met according to Adjournment.

The Members were called. All Present as on Saturday, except Maj. Sprigg, and Mr Read.

Mr. Magruder appeared in the House this Day.

Col. Gale, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Journal of Accounts, and the following Message, viz.

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