

Upon the whole, *Sir*, we think that it cannot be presumed, that we who have raised above 7500 *l.* to distress the Catholick King, would not when we judge it necessary, raise Five or Six Hundred Pounds a Year for our own Defence; that we should be so stupid as not to provide at all Times for our own Preservation, or that the Care of that Preservation should be wholly centered in your Excellency and your Council.

We are well satisfied that Supplies to a Government are only to be raised on casual incidents, and so ought to have a fixt Duration, altho' Laws made for the Administration of Justice ought to have no such Determination, because it would necessarily occasion a failure of Justice; That a Free People have the sole Right of Judging as well of the Necessity and Quantity of such Supplies, as of the Manner of Raising them; And therefore we again tell your Excellency, that we will not become Purchasers by Selling those Supplies to the Government for those other Laws, which it is our absolute Right to have, even if there was no design of altering their Duration, neither will we, if we cannot secure to the People the Enjoyment of their useful and necessary Laws, and preserve the regular and usual Method of Proceedings in Assembly, Load them with any additional Tax or Burthen, as we have before plainly intimated, especially at a Time when they are obliged by private Contribution to raise Money for carrying on their Applications to his Majesty for Redress in this and other Aggrievances they labour under.

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

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

Col. *Hanson* and Col. *Colwill* 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 in half an Hour to receive the Address at his own House.

Mr. *Calder*, and Five more, were Ordered to Present the Address to his Excellency.

*The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

*Tuesday Morning, July 29. 1740.*

**T**HE House Met according to Adjournment, &c.

Col. *King*, from the Conferees of the Lower House appointed to join the Members of the Upper House to Inspect into the State and Fund arising on the Duty of *Three Pence* per Hogshead appropriated for the Purchasing Arms and Ammunition, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report :