

James Hollyday, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, *An Act for raising Three Pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco, &c.* Indorsed, ' By the Upper House of Assembly, June 18. 1741. ' Read the Second Time, and with the Amendments propos'd in the Message herewith sent, will Pass.

' Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the following Message :

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 18. 1741.

Gentlemen,

WE have carefully perused the Bill sent us Yesterday by Col. *Hanson* and Col. *Hooper*, and sorry it gives us so much Room to believe you have little Desire to raise any Money to purchase Arms and Ammunition for Defence of the Country.

By this Bill, although you have Two Treasurers of Fortune and Probity, who have given large Securities for the faithful Discharge of their Offices, you propose another Person to receive the Money to be raised; you likewise deny the Council, who have always since any Money hath been raised for this Purpose, which is now upwards of Twenty Years, been jointly intrusted with the Governor in laying it out, any Share in the Disposition of this, and reserve a very unusual Power of Disposition in yourselves.

What Conduct of Ours induces you to attempt doing a Thing that carries such severe Reflection on the Upper House, we are at a Loss to guess; But this we assure you, we shall always endeavour to guard our Characters in the best manner we can, and admit no Innovations to lessen the Power of the Governor and Council in the Executive part of the Government, since such can never be for the Interest of the Province.

Your long keeping back a Bill particularly recommended by his Excellency the Governor, the Terms of that now sent up to us, and a Proviso in it quite Foreign to the purpose, afford a large field for Debate; but as we sincerely desire the Interest of the Country, to avoid Wrangling, and to dispatch the Publick Business with as little Expence as possible, we shall only tell you, that if you will Amend the Bill in the following Manner, we shall Pass it.

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