

U. H. J. eral Branches of the Legislature and have Effects very Contrary
 Calvert to the good Ends proposed and Expected from the Meeting of
 Paper No. 735 Assemblies.

p. 85 As to the Duration which you seem to be so much apprehensive of
 We hope We need only say that it will be time enough for us to
 Justify such a Duration whenever We think fit to Insist on it which
 we shall not do, unless we are Satisfied with the Expediency and
 Reasonableness

Since the Importance of the Bill for Arms &c^a for the defence of
 the Province since our frequent inculcating the necessity of Extraor-
 dinary Armaments at this Juncture, which your Conferees acknowl-
 edged had influenced you to increase the Sum for Arms &c^a from
 Our Being in a War with Spain the Probability of one with France,
 the Danger of being Attacked by some French Colonies within a
 few days March of Our Frontiers the Insurrection of negroes and
 the evil Dispositions of Papists and since the Concurrence of your
 Conferees, and even of Your House to every part of such a Bill
 cannot convince you of the indispensable Obligation you are under
 to forward that Bill immediately up to Our House; but on the Con-
 trary you seem resolv'd to disregard every Consequence, rather than
 not avoid the Duration you are apprehensive may be put to some
 other Laws, We must say on our parts that your Wishes plainly
 appear that We should be rather without A Session or any Fund
 for Arms &c^a for Our Defence than to have it increased to the Sum
 agreed by the Conferees, and therefore Gentlemen We dare not
 before you send up the Bill for Arms &c^a Agreeable to the Conferees
 Report take one Step in the Passage of any of the Bills now in Our
 House least it might tend to leave us at these Dangerous Times
 without some Fund for Our Defence and in Case you will not let
 us have a Bill for Arms &c^a Agreeable to the Conferees Report, We
 are perswaded We shall in a much more Sincere manner acquit Our
 selves as Dutiful and Loyal Subjects by not passing the Bill for En-
 couragement of Forces, or any other Bill and by that means Con-
 tinue still on Foot the present Act for Arms &c^a than by giving a
 Passage to that or any other Bill, leave the Province without any
 Fund to provide Arms and Ammunition for its Defence

We are really Gentlemen, unacquainted with the many other
 Reasons (which you say) govern you in this Matter unless they be
 such as determine you at all Events to deprive this Province as much
 as it is in your Power, of a Fund for its Defence, and therefore you
 will be pleased to take Our Final Results, (which you say you wait
 for) that We cannot consistent with Our Duty to his Majesty in
 the Preservation, of this part of his Dominions, Pass any Bill before
 you Will be pleased to dispatch a Bill for Arms &c^a to us agreeable to
 the Report of the Conferees.