

U. H. J. As to the great Accumulation of the Countrys Charges which you Complain'd of that must by all Candid and impartial men be imputed to Yourselves, since it is wholly owing to your own Endeavours to [delay] if not destroy the necessary Fund abovementioned

When you have given me a plain Answer to these things I shall be better able to judge whether it may not be more conducive to the Benefit of the People, to have an End put to the Session, than to continue it longer in hopes of your doing something for the Benefit of the People you represent which I sincerely wish you would do and to which I shall contribute by every thing in my Power that is just and reasonable

Sam: Ogle

23^d July 1740

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The Humble Address of the House of Delegates of the 2^d Province
May it please your Excellency

Since the first and greatest part of the Message your Excellency was pleased to send us on the 23^d July Instant consists chiefly in a recital of former Addresses Messages and Answers, we shall not now enter into the particulars of them, but as they are, or will soon be published, we shall submit them to the Judgment of the World and let them speak for themselves; But it being now no longer Secret that the late and present Conduct of the Upper House with respect to Our Expired Country Laws, is approved of, and Justified by your Excellency, We must beg leave briefly to state the Case, and leave it to Our Constituents and other Impartial Judges to determine in the matter

The Law for raising 3^d p^h 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 past in the year 1717. About the time those three years expired, the renewm^t of that Law, with the like unlimited Continuance, was strongly insisted on, and for want of this Houses Compliance in that Point having found it Inconvenient, the Province was kept out of a Session of Assembly for almost three years meerely to keep on foot that and some other Favourite Laws of the Government Altho at the same time the People laboured under many Aggrievances which called loudly for redress, & there is reason enough to believe we should not have had a Session to this time, had not something Intervened immediately relating to his Majestys Service, and which could not with Safety be denied, when offered by this House: Those Laws with many others which particularly concerned the General Utility of the Province and Administration of Justice having by this Accident Expired, Another, till then unheard of Piece of Policy, was Invented in Order to Oblige us to make such Laws, give what money,