

U. H. J. it cannot be unknown to your Excellency that A Bill for the same Use now lyes before us ready to pass, whenever our Bills in the Upper House shall be sent us with their Usual duration; And We can with truth repeat, that there is not a member of this House against this Bills passing into a Law, And therefore must in this as in every other part of Our proceedings let the Publick Judge to whom the Want of this and all the other Bills as well as the heavy Expence occasioned by frequent fruitless Assemblies are to be Imputed

We therefore Conclude with the plainness your Excellency desires
 p. 95 by telling you that We will not Introduce the practice of bargaining for what of Right, as British Subjects, the People ought to Enjoy; that the Bill for 6^d p hogshead has had its first reading, but that We are determined to proceed no further in that or any other money Bill that may tax or Burthen the Country (those relating to his Majestys Service only Excepted) until we have a regular return of the long accustomed Method of proceeding from the other Branches of Legislature with this House and of all Our Useful and necessary Bills passed with their Accustomed Duration

Signed on behalf & by Order of the House

[July 25, 1740]

Philip Hammond Speaker

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

Upon the Perusal of your Address delivered to me yesterday by Col^o Hanson I find that little or nothing In Answer to what I laid before you in my Message of the 23^d Instant therefore must think what I there said was so just and reasonable that it will not admit of an Answer

The greatest Part of this Address, concerning the several Disputes that have passed between you and the Upper House, not relating to myself, I must refer you and every other Person to what has passed in the several Messages between the two Houses on the occasion

I must confess I have a very great opinion of the Honour and Justice of the Gentlemen of the Upper House I know the great Interest they have in the Province, which makes it impossible for them not to wish its Prosperity, and I know the Abilities they have to second their Inclinations, and I am fully perswaded that in all their Proceedings in a legislative Capacity, their views are just and reasonable, and for the true Interest of their Country; but what you mean by saying "It is now become no longer a Secret, that the late and present Conduct of the Upper House, with respect to Our Expired Country Laws, is approved of and justified by me" I must confess myself wholly at a Loss to apprehend, as the greatest part of the expired Country Laws (as you term them) have now actually pass'd both Houses, and consequently must have had their joint Approbation, whereas my Assent or Approbation of them is yet to Come