

After so much has been said on both Sides it might be improper to trouble your Excellency with any thing further on the Subject, than by saying that We look upon it as Our Duty to be as Tenacious of Our Priviledges, as the Upper House can be of theirs; and that the frequent Renewment of Bills, which with General Approbation have been in use for many years, give them as great a Sanction as any Agreement of Conferees can to a new one

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As therefore we are well convinced, that We are Acting for the present as well as future Interest of the People, and the Preservation of their Rights and Priviledges, and that the due Administration of Justice at home, is altogether as necessary for Our Welfare, as the defence from our Enemies abroad, We cannot depart from our former Resolution of keeping back the Bill for Arms and Ammunition 'till We have those other necessary ones from the Upper House with their Usual duration; and submit to your Excellency to do with us as you shall think proper

Signed on Behalf and by Order of the House

Philip Hammond, Speaker

Thus Endeth This Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the 23^d Day of April and Ending the 5th Day of June following in the twenty sixth Year of his Lordships Dominion and in the thirteenth Year of his Majestys Reign Annoq Domini 1740

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