

of that Power which You have declared in a Message and Resolution you are invested with shall think fit A Power which the House of Commons in England makes no Claim to, And to Obviate any Pretence of representing it in a wrong Light I will use your own Words in your Message wherein You declare you conceive it to be the undoubted Right of the House of Delegates alone to raise upon the People of this Province any Sum of Money or other Tax and for such time and in such manner and to be applied to such uses as that House shall think proper, And You have likewise resolved that it is the undoubted right of the House of Delegates to raise on the People of this Province any sum of Money or other Tax and for such time and in such manner and to such uses and Purposes as to them shall seem proper this is a stretch of Power unknown to a British Constitution and by what Authority or upon what Pretensions You have made it Yourselves only can tell if this Project of an Agent should ever succeed it would answer a very necessary purpose to the Province viz^t furnishing a very plausible pretence of rendering no Account of considerable sums, amounting as I am informed to above four hundred Pounds sterl raised several Years since by private Subscriptions on pretence of defraying the Expence of bringing some Complaints which the County has been long amused and inflamed with to a decision in England and altho much less than half the Money already subscribed would have been Sufficient for the end to which it was pretended to be Raised not one single Publick Step is yet taken to bring the Complaints to any issue or Determination, nor is it to be imagined by any sensible Man who will make Use of his Reason that the Managers ever intended there should be any Determination of them During these Transactions and this Waste of time in your House the People without Doors were Exasperated that no Supplies were given for the Defence of Louisburgh as well as at the Probability that no Business would be done and that the Country would be run to a great and fruitless Expence which Alarmed the Managers and made them think it necessary to endeavour to Pacify them to this end an Inclination is dissembled to Carry on the Publick Business and a Conference was proposed to the Upper House to settle Officers Fees, which was readily agreed to and Conferees appointed to these some Members of your House were joynd who had for several Years industriously endeavoured to inflame and keep up the unhappy differences which have too long subsisted in the Country wherein they have been but too successful this Choice of your Conferees gave every Man who was anxious for and sincerely wished the Publick Welfare a very bad Prospect of the Event and these Gentlemen acted as it was Expected & foreseen tho' they behaved plausibly for some time in View as I have Reason to believe to gain time to send me two unmannerly Addresses one about the Pound of Tobacco η taxable Levied in Virtue of the

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