

By the Lower House of Assembly
May 31. 1740

May it Please Your Honour

We cannot conceive that what we insist upon in any manner affects the rights of, or tends to render any branch of the Legislature useless or ridiculous, nor is it different from your own conduct upon a late occasion, when you actually withheld two of our proposed Bills till we should satisfy your House in what you required by your Messengers.

It is the not reading the bills before you, a second time, and sending them with the former duration ~~and~~ that we complain of, since that would remove all obstacles to a Session.

We are glad however that without that reading, you have agreed the duration we contend for is reasonable, by your offering it to us in the conclusion of your Message of this day, although the condition annexed to that offer is very extraordinary, viz. that we should give three pounds for Ammunition although at your Honour's request, and by Consent of the Council and both Houses, six pounds had been agreed to be absolutely necessary at this dangerous Juncture.

Therefore as that would lessen the necessary provision for our present safety against our foreign and