

By the Lower House of Assembly
May 30th 1740.

May it Please Your Honour

We little expected that our readiness to offer a Bill for Encouragement of His Majesty's Levies, and Cheerfulness in doubling the Sum for Purchasing Arms for Defence of the Province, would have met with such Obstruction from Your House, after Your so many Declarations of our present necessities and Dangers, Or that it would have been attended with a Consequence on Your part, so very prejudicial to the People in other respects, viz^t the altering the duration of our Laws to be re-enacted this Session, whereas the Administration of Justice, the raising and payment of Taxes and the General Utility of the Province particularly depend, in any where of have now lain three weeks on Your table from that of ending with a Session, as they always heretofore have done, to determine on a day certain; merely because we contended (and we hope with great Reason) that money Bills should have such duration.

Can it be the Safety and welfare of the Country that move Your Honour to this? Will not all the world say that it is only calculated to obtain an Asendant over the people, by having it in Your Power, at the Expiration of those laws, to Compel the Representatives of