

with indignation but by people's voting still and saying nothing, let the
 our fear of speaking or acting is over so great; however, that the said way
 judge of the grounds of what we have said in this matter, we beg to
 put a Case which we hope we give your Honours no offence; Suppose then
 the noble Lord says who says the House of Commons in Great
 Britain, had their hate, here at the Pleasure of the King, and that he
 would allow and support them when he thought fit; Suppose then also
 proposed of all the great officers in the Government upon the same
 occasions, would the People have any great Reason to be satisfied with
 the Proposals for such a Constitution? And that he would give and put them
 and a branch of the Legislature, who should keep balance between the King
 and the one side and the People on the other? And it will any person
 be so foolish as to say that a House of Commons is not a necessary part of
 the Constitution, and that at all times there shall be any objection? And either from his
 Majesty's honour or God's, they would in such a case be obliged to give
 what would not many Princes who have enjoyed Liberty have done with the
 assistance of such a House of Peers? If this Case be applied to any part of
 the Constitution, there we profess there is no foundation for your objection,
 but if it be applied here there is no foundation for it; we shall also
 be obliged to show that all we have said we think should be passed
 upon the other side of them. We want of your Honours
 If your Honours will be pleased to look upon the matter as you
 think fit that we did not propose the Bill for ~~the~~ Arms and Ammunition
 for any term or for any number of years with a good determination,
 and that we will not at the time paid over, and present a sum as the
 value of the present purchase might require, and therefore you are
 much obliged with respect for His Majesty's service to you
 and the House, the House will be of that Bill for the purpose of the Bill
 which we think fit and will instead of the King's and to continue to the
 King's service and the King's service, and that we think it
 will be the same as the King's service and the King's service of this year's payment
 of the same will be paid in less time, and that the said duty
 will be the same as the King's service and the King's service of the
 present year, so is agreed as you request it, we think it will be
 not be disputed with it, nor will be doubted that the House which
 passed it in the year, will equally operate on us in our service if there
 be the same necessity at the expiration of that term.

If your Honours shall think fit to carry the Bill
 proposed for that purpose and without delay proceed to the support
 of the other business, but if this to be refused, and you present in your future
 Application, we pray you will advise us therewith, that we may be
 put to our meeting, and no more of the Country's money or our time, spent
 in no purpose.

We will trouble your Honours no further about Roman
 Catholics than by saying that if there is any apprehension of Danger from
 them, that we already carry Laws in being against them, and we trust out
 of the Care of the Government in putting them in Execution if there be Cause,
 nor shall we be in the least backward in joining in any other Law that
 may be thought useful to prevent any Danger from that people.

Your Honours we hope will excuse our not following you in any
 particular of your long Discourse, the principal parts we think are answered
 and as the Supply we offer is more than what before has usually been given,
 or we hope it will be sufficient with the same already purchased and
 the money in Bank, to enable us to resist ourself against Roman
 Catholic Invasions, among other Designs, and if you think the
 of with the King may continue to provide the Bill for the same
 Majesty's service, or to determine the certain duration of that service
 and Ammunition, and the sum necessary to be raised, we shall readily
 agree to it.

Sign'd J. P. Oakes
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