

the present Difficulties are removed, we shall gladly comply with your Desire; In the mean time, we are in hopes that there may be found room enough in the Publick Buildings, to lodge more than the few Arms we now have at this Place, 'till a more favourable opportunity offers, of providing a proper Recepticle for them; And we also find in one of the present Militia Acts, a Provision that Persons prest or enlisted in case of Foreign Invasion, refusing upon their Officers Command to appear and serve in Arms, are subjected to Prosecutions in the Provincial Court, and to be Fined and Imprisoned at the Discretion of that Court, which we hope will suffice at present for common Soldiers, and as for those who have accepted Commissions, we cannot doubt but they will from a Principle of Honour be sufficiently prompted to pursue your Excellency's Commands, without any compulsory Means.

The Address to his Excellency was brought in Ingrossed, and being prepared, and Signed, on Behalf and by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker; Mr. Smith and Col. Hanson Ordered to acquaint the Governor therewith, and to know when and where his Excellency will receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker the Governor will be ready immediately to receive the Address in the Conference Chamber.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Gale Ordered to Present the Address.

*The House Adjourns to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Message:

*By the Lower House of Assembly, June 4. 1740.*

May it please your Honours,

*WE* can with the greatest Sincerity assure your Honours, that we never had the least Intention to fix an Odium on you, or in any manner to sully the Characters either of his Excellency, or any of your House, by what was said in our Message of the ninth of June last, concerning the 2500 l. raised by the Three Pence per Hogshead unaccounted for, and are truly sorry that either the Governor or any of you should take it in that sense.

It is clear by that Message, that the 2500 l. was meant of the Money raised before his Excellency came to the Government, since we at the same time mentioned the 2250 l. 11 s. 2 d. Sterling, and 34 l. 13 s. 7 d. 3 q. Current Gold, in Bank, in which last Sums may be included the Balance of the Money raised during his Administration, and it would have been ridiculous as well as unjust in us, if there had been an Imbezlement (which by the bye, the Words unaccounted for cannot Imply) to have

*Charged*