

It is true, one Point is carried, and the Money is obtained. But how was it obtained? Were they not evidently forced into a Compliance? and had I any Grounds to think that they have resolved to change their Conduct for the future, I should, on this Occasion, have been silent as the Grave. But, alas! if any Man can think thus of them, he knows them not! While they continue to keep the Power solely in their own Hands, it will be as impossible to reconcile Light and Darkness, as to make them prefer the general Interests of the Province to that of their own Party, till Things are brought to the very last Extremity. We should have the same Disputes acted over again, were it necessary to propose another Money-Bill to-morrow. And what honest Heart can be silent while such a dismal Prospect lies before us? Most certainly we have suffered too much from their idle Disputes already, and I am pained at my very Heart to reflect upon what we have suffered!

Indeed, had there been no Inconveniences arising from their Conduct but the Loss of Time, they might be forgiven! Nay, had the Loss of our Property, and the laying waste a great Part of the Province, been the only Losses sustained, these also, by future Industry, might have been repaired. But, alas! who shall gather up the innocent Blood that has been spilt upon our Borders, and in the very Heart of our Country, during their obstinate Continuance of a most insignificant Debate; and their more obstinate Refusal to frame a proper Militia Law.

For my part, I bear the *Quakers* no Ill-will, as they are Men: In that Capacity they have never offended me, and I wish them well. But, as they are *Rulers, Assembly-Men, Politicians,*
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