

L. H. J. Law, I am at a loss to know to what Purpose; since the three years
 Liber No. 46 &^a intended by that continuing Clause from 1715 was expired in
 p. 542 1719, But the Truth and Reason of the Thing is this, that when a
 Law is revived, it is impossible by any Words or Design of the
 Legislature to revive the Continuing Clause, since the Time is ex-
 pired to which it only relates, and therefore as Time cannot be
 brought back again, that Clause can never be said to be revived,
 And as the continuing Clauses must necessarily cease, and be after-
 wards ever void to all Intents and Purposes, of themselves; the
 Legislators in any Country never did, in any Instance whatsoever,
 either of reviving, or perpetual Laws, repeal a continuing Clause;
 since it would be unnecessary and ridiculous to make void what in
 nature never could be supposed good, and it is sufficient to answer
 all Purposes if the Purview of the Law is revived without the con-
 tinuing Clause.

As for the supplementary Act to the Act for the ordering and
 regulating the Militia of this Province, for the better Defence and
 Security thereof; the Title of that expressly refers to the Act. This
 is the Act which appears in our Body of Laws; this is the Act under
 which the Militia has been always regulated and considered, and
 the Security of the Province against Invasions and Insurrections,
 only depends. Is not this an Attempt evidently calculated to explain,
 or rather quibble away, the Militia Laws, and leave the Country
 defenceless against any foreign or domestick Enemy, and to subject
 all the Military Officers in the Country to endless Suits and Dis-
 putes, for every Thing they have done in virtue of the said Law?
 From these Circumstances I may fairly conclude, This is the Act,
 and no other referred to in the supplementary Act, which the Legis-
 lators then, and before considered as a perpetual Law; and which
 I am so thoroughly convinced to be so, that for the sake, Defence,
 and Ease of the Province, I am determined, with the Advice of the
 Council, to put the same in Execution in all it's Parts, as often as
 Occasion requires; 'til I am satisfied by some better Reasons, that
 this Law of 1715 has been expired ever since 1725, contrary to that
 common Sense which I am master of. T. Bladen

The Business of this Session being finished, Col. King and Maj.
 Hall are sent to acquaint his Excellency, that no publick Business lies
 before this House.

Col. Plater from the Upper House acquaints M^r Speaker, that
 the Governor requires the immediate Attendance of the Lower
 House in the Council Chamber.

M^r Speaker left the Chair, and attended by the several Members
 of the Lower House, went to the Council Chamber; where his Ex-
 cellency passed the several following ingrossed Bills into Laws, in
 the usual Manner, by Sealing them with the Right Honourable the
 Lord Proprietor his Great Seal at Arms, and Indorsing them thus,