

duce of their Tobacco, which for several Years past has really been so very low, that it would not supply the Inhabitants with one Half of the Necessaries of Life; And the Expectation of an Amendment has occasioned their continuing in the old beaten Track so long, that they are now reduced to an Incapacity to carry on any considerable Trade, or Manufactures. It is true, that extreme Want and Necessity, have driven some of the poorer Sort of People, in several Parts of the Country, to make some small Quantities of coarse Linens and Woollens for their own particular Use, without which they must have gone naked and been starved: Of these Manufactures we are confident there are none Exported; and that very few (if any) make enough of them to supply their own Necessities. As to the Value of other Commodities of the Growth and Production of the Country, Annually Exported, besides Tobacco, we cannot make any Estimate: Those concerned in the Exportation, and who reap the Advantages arising from it, being such as come from other Parts, to purchase what the People can spare, which their Necessities oblige them to part with, at very cheap Rates.

Thus, May it please your Excellency, We have given as full a State of the Circumstances of the Country, concerning its Trade, as we could. And we can assure You, that we have not represented its Condition worse than it really is.

Ordered, That Mr. Beale and Capt. Gordon, agree with some Persons, to make the Repairs and other Necessaries to the Stadt-House; and that the Treasurer of the Western Shore, comply with any Draught they shall make on that Account.

Mr. Speaker, and the rest of the Members of this House, went and presented the Address to His Excellency the Governor, in Conjunction with the Members of the Upper House, in the Conference-Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, and the other Members of this House returned. Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair. Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, *an Act to prevent the clandestine Running of Tobacco, &c.* indorsed thus: *By the Upper House of Assembly, 4 Sept. 1731.*

Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

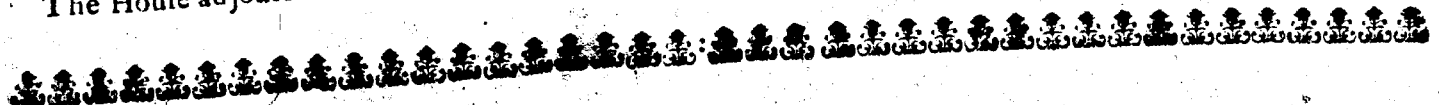
And thus: Read the Second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendments, in Page 1 Line 6, after the Words *Entries*, insert the Words, *or within Ten Days after*; and in the same Page and Line, after the Word *Oath*, insert the Words, *or Affirmation if a Quaker*; also in the same Page, Line 7, after the Word *they*, insert the Words *have not nor*. *Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho. By the Upper House of Assembly, Sept. 4, 1731.*

Which Bill was read, and, with the Amendments proposed, passed for Ingrossing. Col. Tilghman, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker the Journal of Accounts, indorsed thus: *By the Upper House of Assembly, 4 Sept. 1731. Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.*

Read and assented to. *By the Lower House of Assembly, Sept. 4 1731.*

The following Message: *May it please your Honours,* This House hath appointed Col. Muckall, Col. Greenfield, Mr. Harris, Mr. Beale, Col. Fendall, Col. Gale, Mr. Holliday, Col. Ennalls, Mr. George, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Crabb, and Mr. Hemsley, Members of this House, to join any Members your Honours shall appoint of your House, as a Committee for Laying the Publick Levy. *Sign'd per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.*

Was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Beale and Mr. George; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same. The House adjourns until Monday Morning Seven of the Clock.



Monday Morning, Sept. 6, 1731. THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all were present as on Saturday. The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

Ordered, That Mr. Jobson, purchase One Thousand Logs, to repair the Pasture Fence of the City. An ingross'd Bill, entituled, *an Act for the Relief of Richard Smith, &c.* was read and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. Beale and Col. Ennalls; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same.

An ingross'd Bill, entituled, *an Act for easing sundry Inhabitants of this Province, who are Owners of Vessels, from some Difficulties, &c.* was read and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Major King and Mr. Thompson; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same.

A Bill, entituled, *an Act empowering a Committee, to lay, assess, and apportion the Publick Levy, for this present Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty One*; was read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and passed; and sent to the Upper House, by John Beale, Esq; and Col. Ennalls; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same.

An ingross'd Bill, entituled, *an Act to prevent the clandestine Running or Importation of Trusby and other Tobacco, &c.* was read and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Capt. Waughop and Capt. Blackistone; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the same. The House adjourns 'till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday Afternoon, Sept. 6, 1731. The House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present as in the Morning.

Col. Holland, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, *an Act to continue and aid the Proceedings in the Provincial Court, &c.* indorsed thus: *By the Upper House of Assembly, 4 Sept. 1731. Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.*

Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table. *By the Upper House of Assembly, 6 Sept. 1731.* And thus: Read the Second Time, and will pass; a Clause being added, making valid the Adjournment of the Court of Appeals to the First Day of the Provincial Court, to be held the Third Tuesday in October next. *Sign'd per Order, J. Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.*