

L. H.  
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3. Seamen shall not bee gott to come for these parts for any other Comodity then Tob. in regard itt payes a greate Custome, an Excyze, & freight: W<sup>ch</sup> commonly Seamen saue, & putt into their purses. W<sup>ch</sup> is their only inuitaōn to these parts; Their Employem<sup>t</sup> when they arryue here, being soe uery much slauish, is well compensated to the gayne they haue by Tob, the w<sup>ch</sup> other Comodities will neuer afford them. therefore they will decline this Trade, w<sup>ch</sup> will bee a greate occasion to deterre Merchants from the Trade of these parts allso.

p. 70 uite or rather constreine all ffreemen or the out of this prouince, & seeke out those make use of their labo<sup>rs</sup> w<sup>th</sup>out restraint will bee in danger of depopulation. atest strength of this Prouince, their much weaken us, & render us a

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lessen the price here, but the want not to bee exspected 'till the Lord War & pestilence from our natiue ence the only principall cause Our only Comodity Tob att p<sup>rsent</sup>, of what nature or kind soeuer & cons hope Vpper howse, & to all Good men. & unbyass

Ordered that Will<sup>m</sup> Caluert Esqr present these Reason now read & those other Two Bills not passed this howse in the forenoone. Viz<sup>t</sup> An Act for Encowragem<sup>t</sup> of Trade, & An Act for the aduance of other Comodities more staple then Tob. to the Vpper howse.

M<sup>r</sup> Henry Coursey came from the Vpper howse, & presented a Bill, Intituled An Act Touching paym<sup>t</sup> of debts &c: w<sup>ch</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Coursey himsele read, according to the order of the Vpper howse, in this howse by permission of the Speaker.

Ordered th<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Caluert Esqr goe to the Vpper howse, & desyre them to giue answee (if they soe please to those reasons now sent them from this howse.

p. 71 M<sup>r</sup> Henry Coursey came againe from the Vpper howse & requested th<sup>t</sup> this howse would giue answee to that Bill now brought to this howse by him Touching paym<sup>t</sup> of debts &c: And M<sup>r</sup> Speaker certified him that That Bill had dependance on those two other Viz<sup>t</sup> The Act for Encowragem<sup>t</sup> of Trade, & the Act for the advance of other Comodities &c: & soe soone, as they shall giue answee to this howses Reasons, they shall then likewise in order m

Thereuppon M<sup>r</sup> Henry Coursey departed & certified the Speaker That the ans howse, cannott bee prepared to night their answee thereto 'till tomorrow they haue now in hand. Then.

The howse adiornd by M<sup>r</sup> Speaker morning 7 a Clock