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Mr Cheseldyne returns with the Answer to the Lower house The Bill for Encouragement of Sowing and making Hemp and flax within this Province read the Second time, and Voted that (it being particularly Expressed and ascertained in the Bill that the pound of Tobacco per pound for hemp or flax shall be as a reward or Gratuity only for Encouragement of the Manufacture and not the Price of it, but that the Property shall Still remain in the maker or first owner) this house will Assent thereto—

The Severall Votes and Opinions of this house to the Severall foregoing Bills Ordered to be drawn up together to be transmitted to the Lower house which was accordingly done as followeth Vizt—

fifteen p^r Cent Damages allowed upon protested Bills of Exchange is too little that 20 p^r Cent is but a reasonable Allowance considering that in Such Case the Creditor may be kept out of his Money near two Years wherefore with that Amendm^t this house is willing to pass the Bill—

The Bill Explaining an Act concerning Port Duties and Masters of Ships, is not fully and Sufficiently worded as to that part relating to the Qualification of the Ships or Vessels therein Named but ought to be thus Expressed Viz^t (Ships or Vessels built in and properly belonging to this Province) and So likewise in the latter Clause of the said Bill, as to the other part concerning the Duties of Such Ships or Vessels the Lower house are desired to Explain themselves in that Particular, whether or no they mean thereby to cutt of the Officers fees for taking Bonds &^t required by Act of Parliament and his Lordships Imposition of two Shillings per hhd which the Act, (as now Drawn) seems tacitly to imply all which this house desire to be rightly informed of, and to have the Same (if not so intended) plainly in Explicit words Expressed in the Bill before this house can pass the Same.—

The Act for encouragement of making Linen and Woollen Cloth within this Province, and that for Encouragement of Sowing and making Hemp and flax within this Province this house are willing to pass, Provided it may be Ascertained by a Clause in the said Act that the Sums of Tobacco therein Granted for the Encouragement of Such Manufactures is only as a reward or Gratuity for the same and not the Price thereof, but that the Property of Such Manufacture shall still remain in the Maker or owner thereof and at his Disposall—

The Bill for Naturalization of Matthew Eareckson & Albert Johnson And also the Bill for Limitting the Expences of the Commissioners of the County Courts of this Province, this house have passed and return them to the Lower house—

The Bill for Encouragement of Tillage and raising Provi-