

U. H. J. Seizure of Tobacco by the Sheriff; Concerning Negroes and Slaves; & for the restraining the unreasonable increase of horses &c. have all been read here once, as to the Act concerning Negroes &c. it is the Opinion of the Board that the imposing of Slavery on the Children it seems to be severe, and rather propose the Limiting their time of Servitude to 31 years as formerly, the rest of the aforesaid Bills (except that for the restraining the Increase of horses &c which is referred to the Conference, are herewith Remitted to the house without Alteration.

Signed p^r Order John LLewellin Cl.

The said Bills and both the foregoing Messages sent to the house by Coll Brown and Coll Hutchins.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 a Clock.

May the 23^d 1692 Met in Council Chamber Viz^t

	His Excellency the Governour			
The honourable	{	Coll Blackiston	} Coll Greenberry	
		Coll Jowles		Coll Hutchins
		Coll Robotham		Coll Brown
			} Present	

The following Bills were brought hither from the house and delivered by M^r Dent and M^r Boothby to the Clerk on Saturday last after this Board was Adjourned

An Act for the Preservation of the severall Harbours &c. May 21 read the first time

An Act for Limitations of Actions &c. May 21 read 3^d time

p. 627 An Act against Hogstealers & May the 21 read 2^d time

An Act securing Merchants & others Tobacco^s &c. May 21 read 2^d time

An Act for Marking high ways &c. May 21st read 2^d time

An Act Prohibiting Arrests on Sabboth Days &c. May 21st read 2^d time

An Act against Burners of Fences May 21 read 2^d time

An Act Concerning the height of ffences May 21 read 2^d time

An Act declaring what shall be done by Sheriffs ex officio May 21 read 2^d time

Thomas Courtney of S^t Maries County being Summoned and ordered to appear here before this Board upon an Information and Complaint made by his Malatto Girl against him for having maimed and dismembered her by Cutting of both her Ears close to her head accordingly Came and made his Appear-