

ance: being charged therewith he Confessed that being several times urged and provoked by the many Villanous Actions of the said Servant in Theiving & frequent running away &c. without any hopes of Amendment he was forced at last to use that Severity towards her in order to reclaim her, thinking that as his Slave, he might do with her as he pleased; He is Ordered a while to withdraw. U. H. J.

M<sup>r</sup> Dent from the house came to desire this Board to remitt what Bills lay before them to the house, for that their Clerks were now ready to go about Engrossing the Same

Proceed to reading the said Bills Viz<sup>t</sup>

The Act for Preservation of severall Harbours &c. read here the third time (Remark) the Terminative part (if any to be) being by reason of the Obliteration rendered Imperfect wants Amendment.

The Act for Limitation of Actions &c. read here 2<sup>d</sup> time

The Act against Hogstealers &c read 2<sup>d</sup> time here & referred to further Consideration

The Act relating to Seizure of Tobacco by the Sheriff read here 2<sup>d</sup> time

The Act for securing Merchants & others Tobacco<sup>s</sup> &c. read here 2<sup>d</sup> time

The Act for marking high ways &c. read here 2<sup>d</sup> time (Remark) there ought to be a fine Imposed upon the Overseers for their neglect as well as upon the Commissioners and the Labourers by them Appointed for any Defect in them.

The Act Prohibiting Arrests on the Sabbath Days &c. read here 2<sup>d</sup> time

The Act Declaring what shall be done by the Sheriffs ex officio read 2<sup>d</sup> time

The Act against Burners of Fences; read here the 2<sup>d</sup> time

The Act Concerning the height of Fences; read here the 2<sup>d</sup> time.

The Speaker and other the members of the house attend the Board in Conference & proceed to the same in relation to the several Bills offered by them this Sessions Viz<sup>t</sup>

The Act for Recognition. They agree to the Amendment desired.

The Act against Hogstealers &c. Referring to another Act, they say that Act is now revived so the Penalty Ascertained, but they are desired to Consider of some other Penalty then Cropping &c. as not suiting with his Excellencys Instructions to inflict any such Punishment Contrary to the Laws of England, and therefore propose Servitude or other Penalty more Suitable to the fact, They will consider of, and as the Onus Probandi do lye upon the Party with whom found they