

An Act concerning Negroes and Slaues, read the Second time, and putt to the Vote whether in the Act for Negroes and Slaves, a Clause should be added for the Releife of Slaues ag^t the severity of their Masters, in Case of Dismembering, or that the same be drawne vp in a Law by it Self, and Carried by the Majority of Voices that a Clause be added to the said Act in that behalfe.

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Message from the Gouvernor & Councill brought by Coll Hutchings & Coll Browne which was read as follows Viz^t

By the Gouverno^r & Council in Assembly May 23th 1692.

With the Severall Bills herewith sent, This board recommend to the house the severall amendm^{ts} or alterations treated off at the Conference, particularly in the Acts for hogstealers & that for the speedy bringing to tryall & Suppressing Criminalls &c. the party with whom the thing stolen shall be found may be obleiged to prooue how when & where he or shee came by the same and for want of such prooffe to be Convicted &c: The Act for p^rservation of the harbours &c^a the obliteration in the terminatiue part rendring it deficient & imperfect ought to be amended but more necessarily & reasonably totally Excluded in this as in other Acts to be passed this Sessions for the good & benefitt of the Countrey. In the Act for marking high wayes &c^c a Clause to be added imposing a penalty on the Surveyo^{rs} as well as on the Com[missioners for] their Neglect, A Law to be made restraining the [barbarous and inhuman usage] of Negroes & Slaues by their Mast^{rs} in this Countrey, The time for [cutting horses to be in six weeks after] taken vp & their Stature [to be adjudged by the next magistrate, a] Law to be provided for [securing their Majestys dues, fines, forfeitures] &c. what other amendm^{ts} [were treated of or shall be thought necessary] The house is desired to [consider of and proceed accordingly]

p Ord^r

[John] LLewellin Clk.

The in the severall bills follow

house the Third reading.

An [Act for payment of fees due from] Criminalls &c.
Read the 2^d time.

An [Act for restraining the unreasonable increase of]
horses read the second time.

The sent by m^r Wynne.

An Act [relating] to [the seizure of Tobacco] by the
Sherriffe, read the third time.

An Act the read the third time.