

U. H. J. By the Council in Assembly Dec^r 9th 1708

Gentlemen. In answer to your message by M^r Mariartee M^r Tyler M^r Covington and Cap^t Crabb we give you to understand that his Excell^{ty} the Governour and this Board sometime since apprehending the Country very desirous to have County Courts Jurisdiction of personal Actions enlarged had Considered thereof and resolved to issue new Commissions to the Several County Courts for that purpose. And further we have often thought that the six Courts in one year are too many and that four are Sufficient, therefore desire you will consider of the Times for holding the said County Courts and prepare a Bill therefore which will be a great Ease to the County Levys, many Courts being adjourned by the Justices on account they suppose they shall have Courts enough to finish their Business in before the 10th day of May appointed for Stay of Executions
Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent by Col Holland Col Coursey & M^r Lynes

M^r Robins & M^r Pierce bring from the House the Bill for settling the rates of foreign Coins

p. 582 A Proposed Ordinance Impowering the Justices of the County Courts to Grant Ordinary Licences. And.

A Bill for confirming Land to M^r John Hyde & Cap^t John Gandy's Heir read in the House the first & second Times.

The Bill for settling the rates of foreign Coines read the second Time & Passed for Engrossing

The proposed Ordinance impowering the Justices of the County Courts to grant Licences for ordinarys read and assented to by this Board

The Bill for Confirming Land to M^r John Hyde &c read at the Board the first and second Times & sent to the House by M^r Young & M^r Lynes

M^r Tyler and five more bring up the Bill directing the manner of summoning and Electing Delegates and the following Message Viz.

By the House of Delegates Dec^r 9th 1708.

This House will give directions that a Bill be brought in to reduce the County Courts to four in a year Viz. March June August & November to which they desire the Concurrence of the honble Council & that the Act commence next March

Signed p Order R Dallam Cl Ho Del.

Which being read at the Board was assented to by her Majesty's honble Council