

U. H. J. The Bill directing the manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates &c. Read the first Time & this Board considering this is the first Session of this present General Assembly and hoping there will be no need to call another for some years are willing to consider of some further Clauses to be inserted in this Bill until the next Session. Which may be for her Majesty's Service & the Advantage of the Province

The s<sup>d</sup> Bill with the aforegoing Endorsement & the Bill for appointing Court days read the first & second Times at this Board were sent to the House by Samuel Young Esq<sup>r</sup> & Col Greenfield

The Petition of James Butler referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates

M<sup>r</sup> Mariartee and M<sup>r</sup> Robins bring up two Bills. One ascertaining the Damage on protested Bills of Exchange which was read the first & second times in Council and passed & sent to the House by M<sup>r</sup> Lynes

A Bill declaring several Acts to be in force read by the house the first & second times with their desire Endorsed that  
 p. 585 his Excell considering the season of the year & badness of the weather to let this Bill pass as proposed without making Separate Bills to revive all the within mentioned Acts that will expire this Session.

The s<sup>d</sup> Bill & Endorsement being read & Considered the following answer was sent to the House of Delegates Viz.

By the Council in Assembly Dec<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1708.

The Bill for reviving several temporary Laws being read at the Board it is observed that the Act for Encouragement of Tillage and Relief of Debtors is omitted and we taking that Act to be very advantageous to many of her Majesty's poor Subjects who often fall under unfortunate Circumstances desire it may be revived

And whereas her Majesty's royal Instructions to his Excell positively inhibit the reviving of several Acts of different natures in one and the same Law for fear of any disassent Therefore we cannot Consent to the Houses request but propose the several Acts be severally revived by different Bills which will be very Short and not occasion any great delay to the Conclusion of this Session

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent to the House by M<sup>r</sup> Lynes

The Board adjourned till ten of the Clock to morrow morning