

U. H. J. It would be a matter of such moment that It would discourage and ruin all Trade and Commerce with us and thereby render us far more miserable than our worst Circumstances now are and give occasions to Creditors loudly to complain of our Injustice and partiality to the great Scandal of our Country which will not be easily wiped off

We cannot apprehend why you should send us such a Message unless you were conscious to your Selves we have just Reason to reject the Bill you propose

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Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Coun.

Major Sprigg and three more bring up three Engrossed Bills Viz

A Bill relieving the Inhabitants from some Aggrievances in the prosecution of Suits at Law

A Bill restraining the Inhabitants of this Province from selling any Quantitys of Strong Liquors to the Indians and to prevent spreading false Rumours Mutiny & Differences between them and her Majesty's Subjects of this Province

A Supplementary Act to the Act of Assembly of this Province for punishing the offences of Adultery & Fornication

All which Bills were read and assented to by the House of Delegates. And being again read at this Board were assented to and then returned to the house by Col Addison and Cap^t Dorsey

Ordered the Clerk of this Board be allowed on private Bills &c the same Fees as are allowed by the Delegates to their Clerk

The proposed Supplementary Bill to the Act for probat of Wills being read at this Board & Debated Resolved that in Case such Bill should pass It will be a means to prejudice Orphans by undervaluing dead men's Estates which are always to be appraised in the presence of two of the Creditors Who will never be induced to approve of and sign any Inventory unless at very low Appraisments since they know they must be obliged to take the meanest part of the Estate in Satisfaction of their debts for which reason and many others we reject the Bill

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The said Bill being so endorsed was sent to the House by Col Holland Samuel Young Esq^r Col Addison Col Tilghman and Capt Dorsey

Major Hammond and three other Delegates bring from the House Viz.

By the House of Delegates
November the 14th 1712

We have read and Considered your message last sent us