

U. H. J. And A Bill to ascertain the Gauge of Tob<sup>o</sup> Hh<sup>ds</sup> and to prevent cropping cutting & defacing tob<sup>o</sup> taken on Board Ships & Vessels upon Freight

Which said Bills were assented to by this Board and sent to the House by Col Whittington

p. 720 The Address of the House of Delegates of Wednesday last being again read and debated

Resolved the following Message be sent to the House of Delegates Viz.

By the honble Presid<sup>t</sup> & Council in Assembly  
Novem<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1711

Gentlem.

In Answer to your Address on Wednesday last we assure you we are truly well Inclined to remedy any Aggrievances you represent so far forth as in our Power when duly made appear to us

But We cannot Conceive any Judge of a Court ought to be Questioned for his opinion when given impartially & without Corruption; of which we have not the least Reason to Suspect any of the Justices of the Provincial Court and more particularly the Gentleman of whose Honour & Integrity you are pleased to say you have no Suspicion (altho he were abstracted from any relation to this Board).

As to the ill Precedent represented we must observe to you that her Majesty's Secretary S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Lawrence Sate as one of the Justices of the Provincial Court—And when he was displaced obtained his late Majesty's order to be restored thereto Yet to prevent the opinion of any one Justice being prejudicial, we think it adviseable more be added to the Provincial Court, The Remoteness of some of the Justices Habitations, Sickness & other Accidents that may prevent their Attendance being impossible to be foreseen

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent to the House by Col Holland & Cap<sup>t</sup> Dorsey & Col Coursey

p. 721 M<sup>r</sup> Hicks & M<sup>r</sup> Smallwood brought up a Bill for paym<sup>t</sup> & assessm<sup>t</sup> of the publick Charge of this Province

And two Engrossed Bills Viz

A Bill for the Relief of Jn<sup>o</sup> Clements &

A Bill for the Naturalization of David Pagett his Wife & Children. Assented to by the House