

A Bill for relief of Debtors & ascertaining the manner of U. H. J. Tenders in Tob<sup>o</sup>

A Bill of directions for the Sherriffs Office in this Province <sup>p. 845</sup> & for the more Easy paym<sup>t</sup> of the publick & County Levys which were assented to by this Board & Sent to the House by Col Addison

M<sup>r</sup> Garrett & seven more brought from their House Viz

By the House of Delegates  
November the 9<sup>th</sup> 1713

Your Message by the honourable Col Greenfield & three other members of your Board We have read & considered and are sorry your Honours should think we have any prejudice against S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence or any other Person And that we are not allowed to shew our Reasons against the false Allegations laid against us even to your Board

We cannot think her Majesty or the Lords of Trade & Plantations will deny us Justice.

We never desired you to approve our Address only sent it you that you might see our reasons for not passing an Act, for you wonder we should trifle away so much Time in a thing the Country will receive so little Benefitt by. We do admire & believe some persons are less concerned for the Country's Interest than their own particular.

What Effect our Address may have or the Consequence thereof We know not but are sure the Granting S<sup>r</sup> Thomas's Request will much impoverish the Country neither can we think It will lay us any wise under her Majesty's Displeasure

You have Sufficiently Enforced her Majesty's Commands to us & we have as effectually complied therewith as is possible in Equity and Justice to ourselves & Country There have <sup>p. 846</sup> been many Conferences formerly on this Subject Who always agreed twas none of S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence's right and therefore we cannot now agree to another on this Subject, to trifle away more time & perhaps spend the Country thirty or forty thousand pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup> to as little purpose as in other things We being resolved to send this Address to her Majesty; and admire you should insist thereon since you at first refused to confer or join with us therein.

We beg your Honours not to keep us here to no purpose unless you resolve to see a fat Church yard & put an intolerable burthen on the Country which they are ill able to bear

Signed p order R<sup>d</sup> Dallam Cl Ho Del.