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Which being read, it is Ordered That the said Bill be revised and amended accordingly; and that the Jurisdiction in that Case be lodged in the County Courts.

Col^o Edward Lloyd, Col^o Ennalls, Col^o Coursey, Col^o Young, Philemon Lloyd Esq^r Col^o Thomas Addison, Col^o Whittington, and John Dorsey Esq. entered the House and delivered M^r Speaker the following Viz.

By his Excy the Governor and Council in Assembly
June 26th 1714

M^r Speaker,

The Bill now laid before you for your Consideration is an Act passed in Virginia for the Encouragement of the Tob^o Trade; and there being several useful Paragraphs in the said Bill which may have a Relation to the improving the Tob^o of this Province and preventing the Frauds of designing Men who have not the general Good of this Province at Heart; it is thought fit by the Governor and Council to recommend it to your Perusal.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Con.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning 8 O'Clock

Monday 28th June 1714

Then the House met again according to Adjournment. Present as on Saturday, except M^r John Fendall who being sick is excused for this Day.

A Bill for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law read the first and second Time and is committed for Amendments to the Committee of Laws and that they insert a Clause to give the County Courts Jurisdiction to hold Cognizance of any Action on any Bill, Bond or other Specialty wherein there is not due to Balance above a £100 Ster. or thirty thousand Pounds of Tob^o Provided that nothing therein shall exclude the Provincial Court to hold Plea where the Balance amounts to £20 or 5000^{lbs} of Tob^o.

A Motion being made and the Question put whether the Clause in the said Bill for allowing Attorneys in the County Courts 200^{lb} of Tob^o fee in Actions where the Demand exceeds £10 Ster. or 2000^{lb} of Tob^o shall be left out of the same, It is Resolved in the Affirmative by Majority of Votes.

Ordered That the said Committee of Laws leave out of the Bill the said Clause.