

not believe they will think it their Interest to remove their U. H. J. Causes to a Superiour Court unless in extraordinary Cases Which they ought not to be debarred of And since that the Act of Assembly for Speedy Recovery of Debts has been in practice near twenty years & no General Complaint made of the Inconveniencie you now Start We are unwilling to put a Stop to the Common Law Which is every Man's Birth Right And therefore desire you will not further insist on this matter p. 214

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Up ho.

Sent by Col Tilghman & Col Smith

The Bill for the better security of the Peace & Safety of his Lordship's Governm^t & the Protestant Interest within this Province Was Read the first Time and the following Remarks made by this House thereupon, Viz. That the Appropriation of the Fines in the Law is not Sufficiently expressed And therefore It is desired It may be applyed to the Benefit of Free Schools, And that there wants a Clause to be added that in Case any Person who holds an Office or Trust in this province And has taken the Oaths Enjoined by Law shall afterwards be present at any Popish Assembly Conventicle or meeting and hear Mass or Receive the Sacram^t in that Communion He shall not only forfeit his Office & incur the penalty in this Act limited but also be incapable of taking holding or Executing any other Commission in this Province until He shall be publickly reconciled to the Church of England & Receive the Communion therein. And further in regard his Lordship may not Suffer in his private Estate It is Recommended that an Exemption be made in this Act It shall not extend to the Collection of his Lordship's Rents or to the granting his Lands or other his Lordship's private Affairs no ways relating to the publick until his Lordship's Pleasure is further known but to all matters & Things relating to the Governm^t

And the s^d Bill with several Proposals for advancing the publick Credit being Read & approved by this House were sent to the Lower House by Col Coursey Col Ennalls Col Young M^r Hall Col Whittington & Col Smith p. 215

The Bill for laying an Additional Duty of four pounds Curr^t p poll on Negros & Irish Servants being Read at the Board was Endorsed as followeth Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly
July the 28th 1716

This Bill read in this House the first Time and will pass with these Amendm^{ts} Viz.