

Committee of Acc^{ts} as you Desire as also the Expence I have U. H. J.
been at

John Hart

Sent by Col Coursey & Col Young

Major Philips and three more brought from the Delegates a Bill for the better administration of Justice in the high Court of Chancery Provincial and County Courts, speedy Recovery of Debts directing how small Debts shall be recovered and for the more easy obtaining of Execution against Persons absenting from the Countys where the Judgments were recovered against them, and for preventing Comm^{rs} Sherriffs Subsherriffs, Clerks & Deputy Clerks to plead as Attornys in their respective Courts whereto they belong and for Amerciaments in the Provincial & County Courts

Read in their House the first & Second times and Endorsed will pass

Which being Read at this Board was remarked to contain things of different Natures Viz the Recovery of small Debts out of Court before a Single Justice and therefore Recommended to the Delegates that such Recovery be provided for by a Separate Law for that purpose and the Single Justices Jurisdiction Enlarged to four hundred pounds of Tob^o or one pound thirteen sh. and four pence

And the Bill being so Endorsed was read the first time will pass with Amendments was Sent to the Delegates by John Hall Esq^r p. 73

M^r Mariartee and five more brought up a Bill for Stay of Executions after the tenth day of May yearly.

A Bill for punishing of Adultery & Fornication & A Bill for laying an Imposition on Irish Servants and negros and on Several Sorts of Liquors imported into this Province And for Encouraging the Inhabitants to adventure their Vessels more freely abroad

Read in their House the first & Second times.

Which being read at the Board It is observed that the Clause exempting the Country Vessels from paying the 3^d Tonnage and relating to Naval Officers Fees has no dependance on this Act for Several Imposts but of quite different Nature taking of Dutys not imposed by this Law, but Others, And therefore the Saving or Exception seems very irregular and besides is already provided for by other Laws Therefore Recommended that those Clauses be left out of the Law And that the Title of the Law be altered Viz.

An Act for laying an Imposition on Negros & on several sorts of Liquors imported & also on Irish Servants to prevent