

U. H. J. Thereupon M^r Speaker with the Rest of that house Attend Accordingly, where his Excellency is Pleas'd to bespeak as well this house as the Gentl of the Lower as foll

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly¹

You have in the preamble of this wholesome Bill so fully expressed your Inducements & necessity for preparing it, that I shall readily pass it into a Law

And tho I am under no Obligation of giving my Reasons on the Occasion, yet that persons concerned may know my Sentiments, I now declare that I take it to be highly unreasonable the Papists & their Adherents, who when It was in their Power shewed such a notable disaffection to our Laws, should be permitted to vote for the Election of Members of the Lower House who compose so Essential a part of the Legislature of this Province

John Hart

p. 55 And Imediately thereupon His Excellency in the Presence of both houses Passes the Supplementary Bill to an Act for Electing and Summoning Delegates to serve in succeeding Assemblys &c^a Into An Act.

On Hearing the Allegations and Pretentions of the Prosecutors on the Petition of Part of the Inhabitants of Dorchester County Against the Justices of that County for Selling the Amerciaments that have Arisen due therein for many years Past Contrary to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of this Province, And on hearing their Defence thereto,

Tis put to the Question whither the Justices cou'd Dispose of the Amerciaments in the manner they did or not

p. 56 Resolved that as to what Amerciam^{ts} have arrisen due since the year 1698 the Justices had no Right to Dispose of them, for that they ought to have been Collected And Accounted for by the Sherriffe for that Countys use, but as to what arose due before that time the Justices might Dispose of as they Pleas'd & Ordered that M^r Goovert Loockerman account upon Oath with the Justices of Dorchester County for the Amerciaments from 1698 Till 1706, And that he pay for the use of the said County what shall appear to be due to them after his Sallary Deducted for Collection And Eight thousand p^{ds} of Tobacco already paid them being the Consideration of the Purchase, And that if it shall Appear he has not Received to the Sum of

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