

L. H. J. Browne for Turkey Point and desiring to be heard by Councell was read and leave is given the pet^r to be heard by Councell
Esq^r Lowe from the upper House delivers M^r Speaker a Bill Limiting the Continuance of Accōns &c^a thus endorst viz.

By the upper House of Assembly May the 5th 1718

Read and will pass with the following Amendments viz. That thirteen months Time be allow'd in the inferior Courts & 25 Months in the Superior Courts accept in Cases where Evidences are wanting from beyond Seas and this at the Discrecon of the Judges before whom such Causes shall be depending and if the default be in the prosecutor there to be a Discontinuance but if in the Defence Judgment for the plaintiff.
Signed p order John Beard Cl: up. ho.

Which was read with the Indorsment and sent to the Committee of Laws for Amendment.

And the pet^o of Esther Smith & Esther Oldfield thus Endorst viz:

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Upon reading the within Pet^o this House is of Opinion that the Pet^{rs} are objects of Charity & that by the corrupt and Malitious Evidence of the prosecutors they have suffered unjustly wherefore We ferr their Deplorable and unhappy Circumstances being charged with great fees (all of which are remitted except the sherr^s) unto the Consideracōn of the lower House of Assembly and further propose that after Such Abatements are made on the Sherr fees as may be thought
p. 62 reasonable the said persons may be set at large from their unhappy Confinements at the publick Charge.

Signed p Ord^r
John Beard Cl up ho:

which was read and ordered the Comittee of Laws prepare a Bill for their relief.

Coll^o Holland from the upper House Delivers M^r Speaker the following Message viz:

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Gent. Forasmuch as his Excy has laid before this House as an Aggrievance that for three years past there has but very few Patents come forth of M^r Carroll's Office to the Prejudice of those who have paid for drawing the same and John Beale