

U. H. J.

By the uper House of Assembly

May 30<sup>th</sup> 1719

Read & will pass with a Clause to be Added, Oblidging the Debtor or pson Taking Advantage of that Law to Declare upon Oath before one of his L<sup>d</sup>ship's Justices of the Prov<sup>ll</sup> Court or two of the County Court that he hath not nor had at the Time of his being Taken in Execution the Particular Specie for which He was psecuted and then under Execution, or any part thereof more than what he will pay to his Creditor if he think fitt to Accept of it And that if any Such pson so Taking Advantage of that Act and Purging himself upon Oath as af<sup>d</sup> shall be Convict of forswearing himself on that Occasion, he shall be Adjudged Perjured & shall undergo the like Pains & Penaltys as any pson Convict of willfull & Corrupt Perjury.

Signed p Order John Beard Cl Up House

Sent p Coll Young who Returns & Says he D<sup>d</sup> it  
Major Thomas Emerson & John Beale Esq<sup>r</sup> with the following message

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By the Lower House of Assembly

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May It Please yo<sup>r</sup> Honours

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P. 73 Wee have Considered Your Message by Col Addison of this Day And also the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Guilfords And his Excy the Gov<sup>r</sup> Recommendation of a Law to be past in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Humphreys & shall always be Glad of an Opportunity of Oblidging Either of them in the Service of their Friends where it may be Done without Runing Counter to the Laws of the Country that have hitherto been well approved.

But we find the Only Intention for the Act for the Advancement of natives & Residents of this Province was to Prevent those from Offices that had Interest Enough to get them, for those that have none needed not to have been Provided against by a Law & if those that have Interest Enough to gett Offices may as Easily Obtain a Dispensation in Vain was it made nor do we find there ever has been above One such Instance thro the Course of any One Gov<sup>rs</sup> Admin<sup>con</sup> which has already been given in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Steele.

Wee therefore hope his Lordship & his Excellency will not take it amiss that we adhere Strictly to the Law as it now Stands. And having as we Conceive more of the youth of the Country now Qualified for Offices than formerly and a fair Prospect of their Increase by the Care that is taken to