

And Desire to know whether your honours will Agree with U. H. J. us that a bill may be brought in thereon According to that Report

Signed p Order Mic Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

In Answer whereto the following Message is Prepared viz.

By the uper House of Assembly

June 5th 1719

Gent. In Answer to your Message by M^r Tyler & four others this house Agrees that a bill may be brought in Limitting the Severall Officers fees as proposed by the Report of the Conferrees.

Signed p Order John Beard Cl Up ho.

Sent by Col Tilghman & Col Ward who Return & Say they D^d it.

Mess^{rs} Joseph Hill & John Caldwell with the Engrost bill against buying and Selling of Offices &c

Assented to by the lower house.

And being Read is Assented to by this house and John Hall Esq^r Sent to Acquaint the lower house thereof

The Bill for Securing the Peace of this Province against the Villainies of Imported Convicts being Read the following message is Prepared. p. 104

By the uper house of Assembly

June 5th 1719

Gent. We Cannot Agree with you in Opinion that the bill now Proposed for securing the Peace of this Province against Imported Convicts does not relate to Trade because tho It does not Directly Prohibit the Importation of them, yet it Effectually Discourages any psons from buying them, which must needs be a great Detriment to any Merchant who shall undertake the Transportation of such Convicts. Therefore we have Great Reason to believe his Excellency the Gov^r will not Pass a Law, so Contrary to his Instructions besides we think it would be a Great Injustice to any Merchant that use or may happen to be Concerned in Transporting such Convicts to make a law to deprive them of the opportunity of disposing of them here without giving a Sufficient Time to Apprize them of it So that Altho we are very apprehensive of the mischiefs that may Ensue upon the Importation of such psons amongst us, yet we Cannot Consent to the Passing this bill under a less