

L. H. J. Bill Impowering Trustees and Commissioners, to sell the Estates of Thomas Smithson of Talbot County &c Read with the Amendments and will pass which was so Endorst, and sent to the Upper house by M^r Hill and Coll. Woolford.

They return and Say they Delivered it

Ordered the following Message be prepared Viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly April the 19th 1720

May it please your Excy and Honours

M^r Speaker haveing Communicated to this House your Excys Letter of the 9th Instant we have Inspected our late address to their Lordships Touching the Sundry Vexatious Prosecutions against many Inhabitants of this Province as Debtors or Supposed D^{rs} to the Crown, and take the same to be set forth on Just reasons, but are Extreemly Surprized and Sorry to find that the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs have not been pleased to take under their Considerations the Severall hardships complained of but contrariwise have rather justified the said Proceedings and Accused your Excy of retarding those affairs which we are clearly of opinion, your Excellency has in no wise Deserved, as may appear by the Entrys on the docketts of the Chancery Court For we are so well Satisfied with your Excellency's Integrity and justice During your Administration as Chancellour that the most Invidious of your Enemy's Cannot in anywise make out the least charge of Partiality or Corruption and are Sorry your Excy thro' any unjust misrepresentations against you to their Lordships should induce you to give up the seals tho' when we Consider the just reasons laid down in your Excellencys Speech in Councill on that Occasion, We Cannot but applaude your Excellencies prudence in giving up your Interest to preserve your Integrity which we believe no power on Earth Can remove from you

Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl: Lo: Ho.

And sent to the Upper House by M^r Lee M^r Walter Smith Esq^r Rousby Cap^t Rider M^r Caldwell and M^r Dashiell

They return and say they Delivered it.

The following Message being prepared viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly April the 19th 1720.

May it please your Honours

In answer to your Message of the 15th Instant by John Hall Esq^r This House conceives that the reasons of the Conferrees for referring the Subject Matter of the Conference