

U. H. J. A Bill for the Relief of Languishing Prisoners read the first Time and thereupon the following message prepar'd and agreed to (Viz)

By the Upper House of Assembly

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1721

Gentlemen. You will see by the memorandums herewith sent the Expençe of the Imprisonment of the Prisoners propos'd to be reliev'd by the Bill, which we send you with the Sherriff of this County's Petition; which shows the Hardship he and his Goaler lyes under, if a Provision be not made in their favour. We think the Profits of the Sheriff's Office (of this County especially) will hardly bear the Loss of the Imprisonment Fees of so many Prisoners as are almost every Sessions released and therefore desire your Consideration of their Case, and a proper Relief for them, which we are perswaded you will be the readier to do when you consider the Extraordinary Expençe of maintaining Prisoners at this place.

Sign'd ʘ order Samuel Skippon Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Message with the Petition ag<sup>t</sup> the said Bill, & the House's Assent to the two former Bills is sent to the Lower house by Col Addison who returns & says he delivered the same.

p. 20 A message from the Lower House by Col John Ward and five Others, which message is as follows Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly

February 26<sup>th</sup> 1721

May it please Your Hon<sup>rs</sup>

We have considered the reasons in your Message by Col Ward, James Bowles and John Rousby Esq<sup>rs</sup> & humbly conceive they are not of sufficient weight to induce us to come into your Honours Amendments; and therefore insist on the Bill sent up by this House

Signed ʘ Ord<sup>r</sup> M Jenifer Cl. Lo. ho.

In answer to which the following Message is prepar'd and agreed to by the House Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly

February the 26<sup>th</sup> 1721

Gentlemen. Since you seem so averse to comply with the Amendments propos'd by our House in Relation to the