

Monday Morning february the 26th 1721

L. H. J.

The House meets According to Adjournment. Saturdays proceedings are read.

Coll: Ward and three others from the upper House delivers M^r Speaker the Explanatory Bill to the Act to prevent makeing trashy Tobacco &c

With the following Message Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly.

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Gentlemen

On reading your Message in answer to ours Relating to the Additions propos'd by us to be made to the explanatory Bill to the Act for preventing the Makeing Trashy Tobacco &c. We Cannot conceive that those Amendments will be any Introduction to perjury, unless it be voluntary; for that the Oaths therein prescribed will be much Easier complied With than those in the former Law; and for as much as the passing the Explanatory Bill as you propose it will render the former Law inefectuall; which Law by sundry good advices has already had that good Effect in Europe, that it ought to induce us to use our best Endeavours to preserve it; no Country in the World (If we are not wanting to our Selves) does make so good Tobacco for a forreign Market as we; and we Can assure you upon the Report of our Tobacco Law in England; the Market did rise thirty shillings p^r hh^d and that very Law prevented the Parliament from repealing their Act in our favour, and further by Sundry Advices We may expect severall ships with Cargoes to purchase Tobacco in expectation of the Continuance of our Law, which Otherwise would not have Ventur'd and therefore we insist upon adding those Amendments proposed without which We do not think it reasonable that Bill should pass.

Signed p^r Order. Sam^l Skippon Cl^{er} Up. Ho.

In Answer whereto the following Message was prepar'd Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly.

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May it Please your Hon^{rs}

We have Considered the Reasons in your Message by Coll: Ward James Bowles & John Rousby Esq^{rs} and humbly Conceive they are not of Sufficient Weight to induce us to come